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England international sent off in Genoa despite promise to let his feet do the talking

Storm clouds gather over Gascoigne



Gascoigne: sent off

BY PETER ROBINSON

PAUL Gascoigne's miserable season with Lazio in Italy took another turn for the worse yesterday when he was sent off during his side's visit to Genoa. The England midfield player, who had promised over the weekend to let his feet do the talking to revive his Italian career, was given his marching orders for wrestling with an opponent during Lazio's 3-2 victory.

The incident cast a further cloud over Gascoigne's future in Italy, already uncertain after brushes with the media and growing concerns over his attitude and fitness.

Although Dino Zoff, the Lazio manager, dismissed it as "nothing malicious", yesterday's incident is unlikely to have impressed Sergio Cragnotti, the club president, whose patience with Gascoigne is beginning to wear thin. The dismissal will earn Gascoigne a one or two-match suspension.

After a troubled start to 1993, there were signs during the game yesterday of a revival in Gascoigne's fortunes. Recalled to the side, he had performed reasonably well as Lazio recovered from an early two-goal deficit to draw level. Gascoigne won the 69th-minute penalty from which Guiseppe Signori struck their equaliser. However, within a minute he was heading for the dressing-rooms.

As he advanced with the ball from midfield, he was obstructed by Genoa's Mario Bortolazzi. Gascoigne, frustrated, grabbed his adversary and pushed him to the ground. The referee, Luciano Luci, had little option but to send him off.

When a handful of Genoa supporters invaded the pitch after Lazio snatched a late winner through Karl-Heinz Riedle, the referee held up the game for three minutes.

Although Gascoigne and the other Lazio players refused to answer questions about the dismissal, Zoff refused to condemn the Englishman for his first dismissal in Italy — the fourth of his career. "He didn't kick the player; there was just a bit of elbowing and Gascoigne pulled him over," Zoff said. "It was just one of those things."

A number of Italian referees had jumped to Gascoigne's defence in an article in *La Gazzetta dello Sport*, yesterday.

"You see right away that he's a great guy," Carlo Sguizzato said. "When I spoke to him, he stood at attention like a soldier and said, 'Yessir'. When he himself is fouled, he makes a joke of it, even though he's more at risk than the other players because of his knee." Pierluigi Pairetto, who was in charge of Lazio's meeting with Cagliari on February 14, said: "I blew for a foul against Gascoigne, and he smiled at me and blew me a kiss as if to say, 'it's all right'. He has a way of dispelling bad tempers, and he does it instinctively."

Before the game, Gascoigne had said: "I am ready to become one of the best players in the world and I think I can do it. I am going to let my feet do the talking."

Gascoigne's Italian adventure has been troubled from the start. The self-inflicted knee injury he sustained in the 1991 FA Cup final delayed his move to Rome for 12 months as he recovered from severe ligament damage. His fitness has been a consistent problem since then. When the 25-year-old returned to join the England squad for the tie against San Marino, it was obvious he was suffering problems. Graham Taylor, the England manager, said: "He is a very emotional boy. He seems unhappy with himself and unhappy within himself."

Gascoigne has had problems, too, with the intense media coverage of his progress in Italy and in one now notorious incident on January 24, when approached by an Italian television crew and asked about his omission from the Lazio side playing Juventus in Rome, he responded with a belch.

The Italian reaction was indignant. Zoff called it a "petty gesture"; Cragnotti said he expected "a higher standard of behaviour" from his players. The television station that broadcast the incident was deluged with calls of protest from the public and questions were even raised in the country's parliament.

Pretenders lose sight of title goal

Norwich City..... 0
Blackburn Rovers 0

BY DAVID MILLER

TWO teams which have, or had, pretensions for the Premier League title contrived to show yesterday why that chance has recently receded for both of them, though they remain in the hunt. Champions need goals: some of the greatest matches have been goalless draws, but this was not one of them.

A flurry of snow just before the kick-off caused the referee to request an orange ball and gave Carrow Road a cloak of romance. The failure of either side to put the ball in the net denied that perception.

Blackburn, who had scored seven against Norwich at home, again dominated, but the continuing absence of the injured Shearer has blunted their early-season promise. Kenny Dalglish, while thinking they had deserved to win, admitted no team has done enough unless it scores; yet, strangely, he thought Shearer's absence had no bearing on the issue.

If seven or eight scoring chances go begging, the worthiness of replacements is unavoidably in question. Wegerle did the work of a sheepdog up front, and seemed to be in possession for minutes on end, but even against Norwich's depleted side he could never find the gate into the pen.

Mike Walker was justifiably the more satisfied manager, considering that he is without Crook, Newman and Butterworth, all injured, and additionally lost Megson barely an hour before the kick-off.

The burden of Norwich's run of injuries has taken its toll on the fluency of the team. They were now seldom the polished unit of the autumn, and Blackburn, who unattractively gather eight or nine men behind the ball away from home, managed to make Norwich's midfield and attack look largely guileless.

It is an awkward spell of seven matches in three weeks that Norwich now face with depleted forces, and it has to be wondered whether they can maintain their pursuit of Aston Villa and Manchester United.

The first half-hour was sluggish, such initiative as there was coming primarily from Blackburn, and the closest effort being from Wilcox when he burst through on the left of midfield, took Bowen's challenge in his stride and shot past the far post.

Minutes later, Fox, who was particularly disappointing, cleverly dragged a pass from Phillips past two defenders, only to shoot from an acute angle when Robins was waiting for a pass.

Four minutes into the second half, Fox, receiving a lucky rebound, came inside on the left and flashed a shot wide of the far post, but now Blackburn took charge, with Ripley in particular causing constant concern down the right flank. Polston gamely held Norwich's rearguard together. Gunn saved well from Moran's header at a corner, and in one of the best attacks yet Ripley, taking Newell's pass back from the line, lifted his shot and Gunn turned the ball over the bar.

Norwich enjoyed a brief revival, but then were defending desperately in the final stages as Blackburn forced a string of corners to no avail.

Walker talked afterwards with some feeling about the problems of a lesser club such as Norwich, lacking the funds to carry a staff that can weather a period of difficulty such as they now encounter. To hold Norwich at the level they now are, you probably have to be twice as good a manager as somebody with the funds available to Dalglish. If Blackburn were unlucky yesterday, they certainly should be the more powerful club considering what Dalglish has spent. But on this showing the title will not be theirs this year.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, C Sutton, J Polston, D Smith, D Sutch, L Power, M Robins, R Fox, D Phillips. BLACKBURN ROVERS: R Mimms; D May, A Dobson, T Sherwood, C Handry, K Moran, S Ripley, P Andersson, R Wegerle, M Newell, J Wilcox. Referee: P Don.

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Making tracks: a competitor takes a corner in the men's 10km cross country at the nordic skiing world championships in Falun, Sweden. The championships ended yesterday amid protests at its tough schedule

Sweet success for Oldcorn

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANDREW Oldcorn, whose career was almost destroyed by a debilitating illness four years ago, kept his nerve to capture his first European golf title in Cádiz yesterday. Oldcorn rolled in a five-foot par putt on the final green to win the Turespaña Masters.

It was a triumphant moment for the 32-year-old Englishman, a sufferer of the fatigue virus, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis — ME for short — which left him too exhausted even to climb the stairs at home.

Oldcorn received the biggest prize of his career, a cheque for £58,330. He had a last round of 71 to hold off the challenge of two mighty hitters in Eduardo Romero and Steve Richardson.

It propelled him from nowhere to seventh in the Volvo Order of Merit and, even more important, secures his future on the PGA European Tour for the next three years.

The former Walker Cup player and English amateur champion finished with a three-under-par total of 285, edging out Romero, also 71, by a stroke.

Starting out at two under par, he moved to six under after 14 holes, thanks to an outward 34 and birdies at the 13th and 14th. That left him with a three-shot cushion over the Argentinian, Romero, and a four-stroke advantage over Richardson.

The contest developed into a head-to-head between Oldcorn and Romero and when the Englishman ran up a six at the 15th, his inexperience threatened to be his undoing.

But he maintained his rhythm and struck two solid pars at the closing holes to reach the winner's enclosure.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 285: A Oldcorn, 70, 71, 73, 71. 286: E Romero (Arg), 68, 72, 75, 71. 287: S Richardson, 69, 71, 73, 74. 291: D Basson (SA), 75, 71, 73, 72, I Palmer (SA), 69, 77, 70, 75. 292: C Rocca (It), 77, 69, 75, 71, W Westner (SA), 71, 73, 75, 73. 293: D Smyth, 67, 79, 73, 74, J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 72, 77, 75; J M Olazabal (Sp), 71, 71, 75, 76. 294: B Marchbank, 73, 73, 75, 73. 295: S Torrance, 74, 73, 76, 72; D Clarke, 75, 69, 75, 73, P Broadhurst, 76, 72, 77, 70, C Montgomerie, 72, 74, 75, 74, B Langer (Ger), 70, 72, 78, 75; E O'Connell, 71, 72, 75, 77, A Forsbrand (Swe), 75, 71, 71, 78

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Moore refutes allegation that he injured opponent

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN Moore, the England and Harlequins hooker, denied yesterday that he was responsible for the injury which sent a Waterloo player to hospital during the Pilkington Cup quarter-final between the clubs at Blundellsands on Saturday.

Even so, Moore's club, which enjoys the highest profile in the country, stands accused of using illegal studs and of deceiving a match official. Harlequins won the match 21-14 but only after two players, one for each side, had been replaced through injury and the bizarre sight of Harlequins' forwards being hurried from the field by Stewart Piercy, the referee, to change their boots because their studs were the wrong size.

One of those replaced, Steve Swindells, was taken to the neurological ward of Walton Hospital after a facial injury. He was discharged yesterday with a serious nose injury. Club officials said they had taken the names of witnesses who claimed to have seen an incident, involving Moore, which led to the injury.

"The allegation is completely without foundation," Moore, 31, a solicitor, said. "I don't know how the full back got injured but I am told by other players he was injured tackling Gavin Thompson. That's the long and short of it."

Video evidence is said to be inconclusive and Waterloo's executive committee does not intend to invoke the citing procedure, whereby a player can be arraigned for foul play not spotted by the match referee, unless Swindells, who will be out of action for a month, believes it necessary.

"But we will be writing to the Rugby Football Union with a protest over the whole issue of studs," Derek Murphy, Waterloo's director of rugby, said. Waterloo officials and players suggested the possibility that when Saturday's referee inspected studs he was shown one set by some Harlequins players who then played with other, longer ones, of the type used in rugby league. Piercey, who will be making a detailed report to the RFU, could be heard during the match telling a player the studs he was wearing were not those he inspected.

Austin Healey, the Waterloo wing, had stud marks on his back and Steve Peters, a prop, had to have nine stitches in a facial injury after an incident involving Alex Snow. On the other side, Richard Langhorn suffered a fractured cheekbone and Andy Mullins required stitches in his face.

Harlequins, who strenuously deny allegations of dirty play, are to conduct an internal investigation over the studs, but it is possible the conduct of some of their players may be judged "prejudicial to the spirit of good sportsmanship", Law 26, and worthy of punishment.

☐ France have made no changes to their squad for their match with Wales in Paris on March 20 which could decide the five nations' championship.

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CRICKET

Advantage lies with England in steel city

From Peter Ball in Jamshedpur

A WEEK is a long time in cricket. After their win in the one-day international in Bangalore, England announced an unchanged squad yesterday for the first time in five weeks, the disasters of the Test series behind them if not forgotten.

Their renewed confidence was not hurt by their arrival in Jamshedpur to discover their first English conditions for eight weeks. There is lush grass on the outfield, a hard, bouncy pitch which promises to have pace and, most unlikely of all, rain and grey skies.

However, the other surroundings would be more familiar to footballers than to cricketers who spend so much of their time in the sylvan shires. After the charms of Bangalore, the sight of 27 chimneys belching smoke from the steelworks which overlook the ground, was something of a shock and would have had Ted Dexter reaching rapidly for his pollution meter.

Jamshedpur, the steel city, is the Port Talbot of India. Set in Bihar, one of the poorest states, Jamshedpur is a company city, virtually belonging to the Tata Steel Corporation, which employs 40,000 people locally and runs the city on a 99-year writ from the government.

The company's stamp is on everything. The team are staying in the company guest house; the company has financed both a 25,000 capacity cricket stadium and an Olympic-standard athletics track next door. A hoarding near the ground advertises: "The inter-steel plant schools athletic championship".

The enthusiasm for cricket is as strong here as in Bombay or Calcutta. "The demand for tickets has been unprecedented," Sanjay Singh, the treasurer of Bihar Cricket Association reported yesterday. "It is even greater than in 1987 when Pakistan were here."

Pakistan won that match, and so far India have lost all three matches which they have played on a pitch reputed to be the hardest and fastest in India. That knowledge may have played its part in England's decision to retain Devon Malcolm, for all his waywardness, rather than call Paul Taylor into the squad.

After their five wickets apiece on Friday, Jarvis and Srinath will not have been sorry to see the amount of grass left on the pitch yesterday afternoon. Both are in form, but the pitch is said to be true, which should give plenty of scope for the batsmen.

After their Test successes, India were less than happy with their performance in Bangalore, but the only change is the introduction of Maninder Singh in place of Raju, a switch England are glad was not made earlier. In spite of Raju's part in India's Test victories, almost all the England batsmen regard Maninder as the more dangerous bowler.

There were also whispers last night that Ancola might be preferred to Kapil Dev, but there seems little chance that India will venture into the match without the services of the great all-rounder.

If England need any incentive, they know that if they win this match they are sure of at least drawing the six-match one-day series and will be favourites to win it, with a two-game lead and only two matches to play. The remaining games are in Gwalior on Thursday and Friday.

Robin Smith, who will again open with Alec Stewart, said yesterday that he would be quite happy to assume the "Graham Gooch role" in all international cricket.

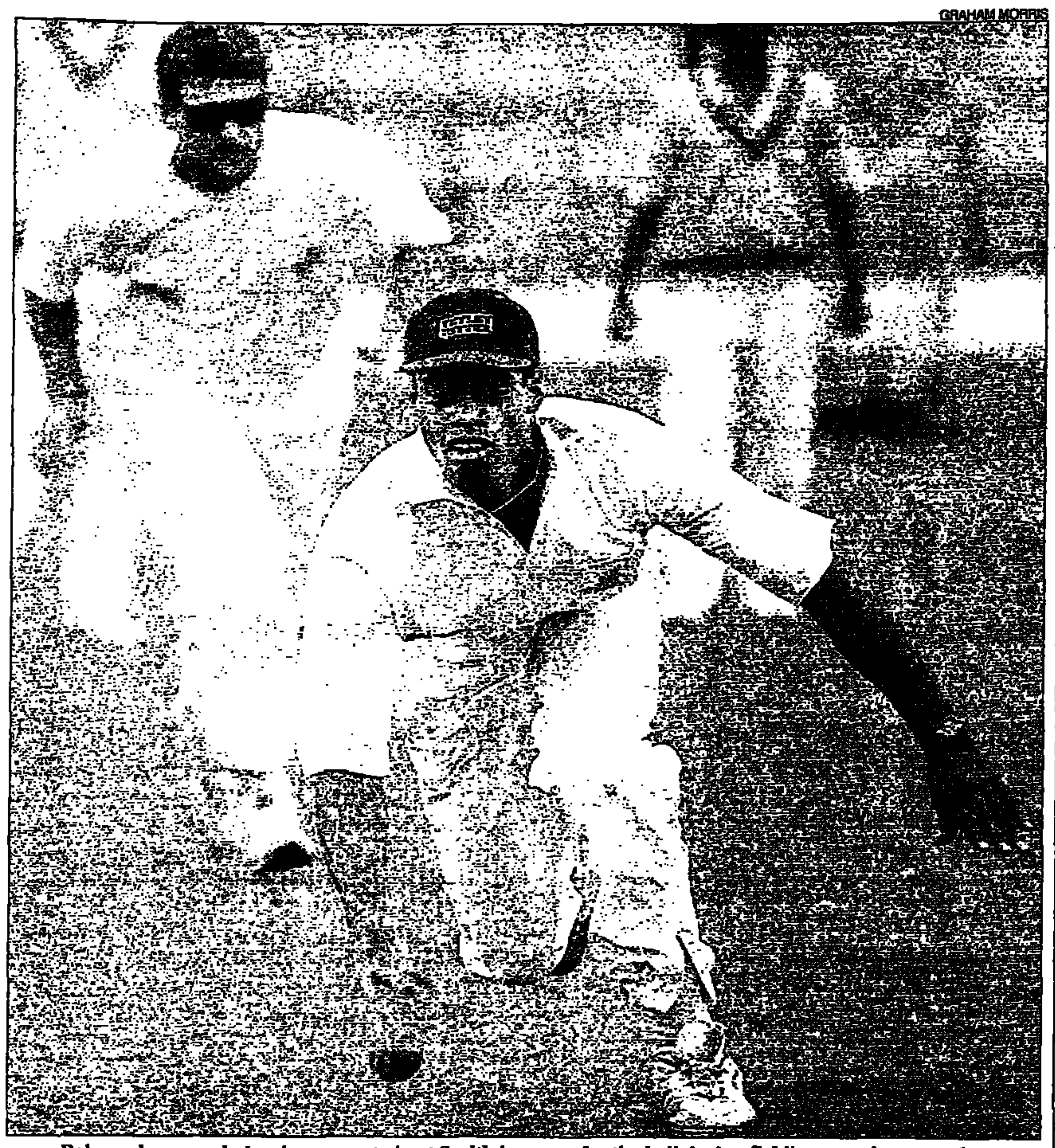
"Hopefully Graham will be around still this summer and, if I am selected, I will be just as happy in the middle order as usual," Smith said. "But I see opening as an option for me in the future, and certainly on next winter's tour of the West Indies. I enjoy taking on fast bowling and opening does appeal to me in that you get straight out there. I do not particularly like the waiting in the dressing-room."

ENGLAND (from): R A Smith, †A J Stewart, G A Hick, M W Gatting, N H Fairbrother, *G A Gooch, C C Lewis, D A Reeve, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis, D R Malcolm, J E Emburey



Maninder: spin threat

GRAHAM MORRIS



Balanced approach: Lewis swoops to beat Smith in a race for the ball during fielding practice yesterday

Warne spearheads Australian victory

AUSTRALIA regained some confidence by beating New Zealand by an innings and 60 runs in the first Test match in Christchurch yesterday.

In a second lacklustre batting display, New Zealand, with the exception of Ken Rutherford, succumbed to the spin of Shane Warne and the pace of Merv Hughes and Craig McDermott. They were all out for 243 in their second innings shortly after tea on the fourth day. It was Australia's first Test win in New Zealand since 1982.

"We've just let ourselves down, full stop," Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, said.

The match was all but decided when New Zealand failed to take advantage of bowling on a green pitch. Australia made 485 and New Zealand replied with just 182.

Australia were under pressure to win after their 2-1 series loss to West Indies. Warne, 23, who took seven for 52 in the second Test against West Indies, won the man-of-the-match award with four for 63 in the second innings and match figures of seven for 86. He rarely bowled a loose ball and extracted sharp turn at times, bowling Dipak Patel around his legs.

Rutherford, who had scored 57 in the first innings, made 102 in the second, scoring with stylish drives and cuts. He hit nine fours and one six in his four-hour innings, his third Test century.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 485 (A R Border 88, M A Taylor 82)

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 182 (K R Rutherford 57)

Second Innings

M J Greatbatch c Reiffel b Hughes	0
J G Wright b McDermott	14
A H Jones c Border b McDermott	10
*M D Crowe lbw b Hughes	14
K R Rutherford c Healy b Warne	102
C L Cairns c Taylor b Warne	21
†A C Parore c Boon b Warne	5
D N Patel b Warne	8
M L Su'a b Hughes	44
D K Morrison c Healy b Hughes	19
M B Owens not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-19, 3-24, 4-51, 5-92, 6-110, 7-144, 8-190, 9-242.

BOWLING: Hughes 24.5-6-62-4; McDermott 19-6-45-2; Reiffel 18-3-59-0; S R Waugh 3-2-0-0; Warne 35-7-63-4; M E Waugh 5-1-12-0

Rain brings merciful end to batting crawl

THE coldest day in Adelaide yesterday since 1954 was matched by one of the bleakest batting displays by an England touring team to Australia. England A struggled to a second-innings total of 136 for six from 83 overs against South Australia when torrential rain drove the players off an hour before the scheduled close on the third day.

England, bowled out for 152 on the first day, are still 20 runs behind South Australia's first-innings total of 308 for eight declared with a transformation needed on the final day if they are to avoid defeat against the Sheffield Shield's weakest team.

A fighting third-wicket partnership of 89 in just over two hours by Martyn Moxon and Graham Thorpe gave England hope, but without their contributions the match would have finished a day early.

England's hope of building a large second-innings score was buried in the first hour with the cheap dismissals of Mike Roseberry and Tony Middleton.

Moxon and Thorpe led a battling recovery before they both ran out of shots against Peter Sleep's nagging leg spin. Thorpe's grim resistance for 39 took more than two hours, and Moxon's 62, his second half-century in four innings, took almost four hours before he patted a rare full toss from Sleep to mid-on with England 123 for four.

Mark Lathwell, scoring six from 79 deliveries, seemed bewitched and shotless.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings 152 (D Reeves 4 for 57)

Second Innings

T C Middleton lbw b Wigney	10
M A Roseberry lbw b Hickey	5
*M D Moxon c Wigney b Sleep	62
G P Thorpe b McIntyre	39
M N Lathwell b Brayshaw	6
D J Capel c Siddons b McIntyre	0
†R C Russell not out	8
D G Cork not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (6 wkts)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-26, 3-115, 4-123, 5-124, 6-136

BOWLING: Reeves 15-2-39-0; Wigney 14-6-15-1; Hickey 13-2-31-1; Sleep 26-12-32-1; McIntyre 14-8-15-2; Brayshaw 1-1-0-1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 308 for 8 dec (J D Siddons 74, D Webber 55, D Capel 4 for 72)

ATHLETICS

Jackson heads British team for indoor championships

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

BRITAIN yesterday announced an unexpectedly large team for the world indoor championships in Toronto from March 12 to 14. It contains probably seven medal prospects, four of them gold.

Colin Jackson will be the overwhelming favourite for the 60 metres hurdles, while Steve Smith (high jump), Jonathan Edwards (triple jump) and Yvonne Murray (3,000 metres) are contenders. Jackson, Smith and Edwards have confirmed their acceptance, but Murray will decide next weekend. Many of Britain's leading athletes, including Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell and Liz McColgan, did not wish to be considered.

Tom McKean was suggesting after winning the TSB AAA indoor 800 metres in Birmingham on Saturday that he might count among the gold medal contenders but, judging by his times this season, such an estimation would be generous. The other Britons with sights on a medal will be John Mayock (3,000 metres) and Dalton Grant (high jump).

Another potential medal-winner, David Grindley, the Olympic 400 metres finalist, was selected, but declined, reducing the squad number from 30 to 29. Medals from outside the seven mentioned would be a bonus and a reminder of the unexpected 3,000 metres bronze achieved by Rob Denmark at the last championships in 1991.

One interesting choice is David Strang in the 1,500 metres. Based in the United States, he ran the qualifying time with 3min 40.7sec nine days ago. Strang, who has set a Scottish indoor mile record of 3min 57.57sec this season, will make his British debut.

In the absence of Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion, and Jason Livingston, the suspended European indoor 60 metres champion, Britain was left with only one man for the 60 metres, Jason John. Christie's request to be sent as non-participating team captain was not even discussed.

"We never have captains for smallish teams," Tony Ward, the British Athletic Federation spokesman, said. The team is larger than predicted — to give inexperience a chance, Ward said — though this does not explain the inclusion of Paul Edwards, an inveterate shot international who is way off the world pace.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: Men: 60m: J John (Newham). 200m: John, S Wariso (Haringey). 800m: T McKean (Motherwell), M Steele (Longwood). 1,500m: D Strang (Haringey). 3,000m: J Mayock (Barnsley). 60m hurdles: C Jackson (Brecon), A Tulloch (Wolverhampton); high jump: S Smith (Liverpool), D Grant (Haringey); triple jump: J Edwards (Gateshead), J Golley (Thames Valley). long jump: F Salle (Belgrave). shot: P Edwards (Belgrave). Women: 60m: B Kinch (Hounslow), M Richardson (Windsor); 200m: Richardson, L Fraser (Trafford); 800m: J Parker (Essex), L Gibson (Oxford). 1,500m: B Nicholson (Tipton); 3,000m: Y Murray (Edinburgh AC). 60m hurdles: J Agyepong (Shaftesbury), C Court (Birchfield). 3,000m walk: J Drake (Brighton); high jump: D Marti (Bromley), J Jennings (West Suffolk). long jump: F May (Derby), triple jump: R Kirby (Hounslow), M Agyepong (Shaftesbury). Reserves: 60m hurdles: S Farquharson (Croydon). triple jump: A Hansen (Essex)

Opponents criticise gang of four's plans

THE manifesto produced by the so-called gang of four senior British athletics officials seeking to strengthen their power at the sport's elections this month lacks any new initiative, the opposition said at the weekend (David Powell writes).

"They are issues that are already part of council policy," Chris Carter, the former 880 yards European record-holder who is seeking the post of British Athletic Federation (BAF) secretary, said. "Their document is a panic document."

Only 17 months after the BAF was formed to unite British athletics, the sport is split to the extent of unprecedented electioneering. Two weeks ago, a manifesto published by David Bedford, Peter Radford, John Lister and Bob Greenoak, *Your Future — Your Choice*, highlighted key areas for the improvement of British athletics, notably in development, finance, coaching and assistance for women.

The untitled opposition document says that "many of these very creditable objectives are contained in 'British Athletic Federation — a forward plan for British athletics 1992-96'," an application for funding proposals to be set before the Sports Council on March 11.

"They seem to be late converts to something we have been working on for 14 months," Ken Oakley, who is competing against Greenoak to become vice-chairman, said. "I am the chairman of development for BAF and we have laboured long and hard to produce a four-year plan. It has been agreed by the BAF council and the management committee."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: TSB national indoor championship: Finals: Men: 400m: 1, S Bada (Nigeria), 46.34sec; 2, W Caldwell (US), 47.38; 3, M Morris (Shaftesbury), 47.69. Pole vault: 1, M Voss (Den), 5.30m; 2, K Alm (Swe), 5.20m; 3, K Hughes (Haringey), 5.00m. Triple jump: 1, T Fasinro (Haringey), 15.89m; 2, R Cameron (Thames Valley), 15.86; 3, O Achike (Crawley), 15.58. 800m: 1, T McKean (Motherwell), 1:47.27; 2, A Rosen (Haringey), 1:51.28; 3, P Roberts (Cardiff), 1:51.28. 60m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (Brecon), 7.55secs; 2, A Tulloch (Wolverhampton), 7.76; 3, K Kyllonen (Fin), 7.83. 60m: 1, M McKoy (Can), 6.56; 2, C Jackson (Brecon), 6.60 (Welsh record); 3, J John (Newham), 6.60. 200m: 1, J John (Newham), 21.17; 2, S Wariso (Haringey), 21.30; 3, A Pakarinen (Fin), 21.39. 1,500m: 1, J Dullforce (Enfield), 3:45.05; 2, M Barnes (Enfield), 3:45.32; 3, M Steele (Longwood), 3:46.95. 3,000m: 1, P Larkins (Nene Valley), 8:05.10; 2, N O'Brien (Salford), 8:05.40; 3, R Fitzsimmons (Kilbarchan), 8:07.65. High jump: 1, D Grant (Haringey), 2.25m; 2, B Reilly (Corby), 2.20; 3, W Caswell (Belgrave) and G Parsons (Blue Circle), 2.15. Women: High jump: 1, J Jennings (West Suffolk), 1.89m; 2, D Marti (Bromley), 1.85m; 3, K Roberts (Brighton), 1.80m. Triple jump: 1, R Kirby (Hounslow), 13.52m (Commonwealth and UK indoor record); 2, M Agyepong (Shaftesbury), 13.29m; 3, M Griffith (Windsor), 12.85m. 1,500m: 1, C-A Gray (Edinburgh AC), 4:30.09; 2, J Swann (Wolverhampton), 4:31.82; 3, L Carthew (Swansea), 4:32.68. 3,000m: 1, U English (Havering), 9:15.68; 2, D Gunning (Swindon), 9:15.80; 3, J Stacey (Bromley), 9:29.70. 60m hurdles: 1, C Court (Birchfield), 8.20; 2, S Farquharson (Croydon), 8.23; 3, P Schoenenberger (Swit), 8.30. 60m: 1, S Hemesniemi (Fin), 7.33; 2, M Richardson (Windsor), 7.36; 3, P Smith (Wigan), 7.41. 200m: 1, S Hemesniemi (Fin), 23.54; 2, M Richardson (Windsor), 24.16; 3, G McLeod (Birchfield), 24.18. 400m: 1, L Fraser (Trafford), 54.14; 2, E Nicholson (Ire), 54.45; 3, S Leigh (Stevenage), 54.56. 800m: 1, L Keough (Basingstoke), 2:05.22; 2, L Gibson (Oxford), 2:05.47; 3, G Retchakan (Thurrock), 2:07.37. Long jump: 1, R Nielsen (Den), 6.22m; 2, T Horgan (Ire), 5.87; 3, J White (Tamworth), 5.86.

NAIROBI: IAAF World Challenge (Kenya unless stated): Men (10km): 1, W Sigei, 30min 11.56sec; 2, D Kirui, 30:20.46; 3, I Kiru, 30:28.69. Leading standings: 1, J Kariuki, 80pts; 2, I Kirui, 78; 3, O Osoro, 77. British: 5, S Tunstall, 69; 8, J Brown, 58; equal 10, D Lewis and P Dugdale, 49. Women (6km): 1, H Kimaiyo, 20:51.53; 2, B Adere (Eth), 20:59.05; 3, T Loroupe, 21:02.25. Leading standings: 1, C McKiernan (Ire), 97; 2, M A Dias (Por), 88; 3, E Kiplagat, 80. British, equal 4, S Rigg, 78.

NEW YORK: United States indoor championships: Winners (US unless stated). Men: 35lb weight throw: L Deal, 24.84m (world best). Shot putt: J Doehring, 21.56m. Triple jump: T Scott, 16.71m. Long jump: O Eregbu (Nigeria), 7.87m. 5,000m walk: J Allen, 20min 24.37sec. 60m hurdles: A Dees, 7.52. 60m: J Drummond, 6.60. Pole vault: G West, 5.70m. 500m: M Everett, 1:01.19. 400m: A McKay, 48.56. 800m: S Redwine, 1:48.77. 3,000m: J Falcon, 7:49.20. High jump: H Conway, 2.37m. Masters mile: E Coghlan (Ire), 4:01.39 (world age best). Mile: N Morceli (Alg), 3:54.59; 2, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 3:54.90. Women: Shot putt: C Price-Smith, 18.22m. Triple jump: S Hudson, 13.49m. Long jump: C Opara (Nigeria), 6.29m. 60m hurdles: M Freeman (Jam), 7.90. 60m: G Devers, 7.00. 400m: J Richardson (Can), 53.24. 3,000m: L Jennings, 9:00.52. Mile: S Steely, 4:30.23. 200m: R Stevens, 23.51. 800m: M Mutola (Moz), 1:59.63. High jump: Y Henry, 1.92m.

NEW YORK: 100km race: Men: 1, V Nunes (Br), 6hr 45min 38sec; 9, D Ritchie (GB), 7:53.23. Women: 1, M Vass (Hun), 8:13.54.

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS, London: English national cross-country championship: Men: Junior (10km): 1, S White (Coventry), 29min 42sec; 2, K Tadesse (Belgrave), 29.49; 3, S Barden (GEC Avionics), 30.14. Team: Coventry, 44pts. Youth (7km): 1, K Farrow (Derby), 21.15; 2, W Leven (Tonbridge), 21.35; 3, B Noad (Bristol), 21.47. Team: Derby, 68pts. Senior (15k): 1, R Nerurkar (Bingley Harriers), 42.52; 2, D Payne (Tipton Harriers), 43.02; 3, P Roden (East Cheshire Harriers), 43.08; 4, B Dee (Luton), 43.18; 5, J Downes (London Irish), 43.42; 6, M Jones (Horwich), 43.44. Team: Bingley Harriers, 68pts.

FALKIRK: Scottish cross-country championships: Men: Senior (7.5mi): 1, T Murray (Cambuslang Harriers), 36min 18sec; 2, R Quinn (Kilbarchan AC), 36.41; 3, D Runciman (Cambuslang Harriers), 36.57. Team: Cambuslang Harriers, 46pts.

IRVINE: Scottish women's cross-country championship: Senior (6,400m): 1, V McPherson (Glasgow U), 24min 1sec; 2, S Ridley (Edinburgh WM), 24.31; 3, A Rose (Edinburgh WM), 24.41. Team: Edinburgh WM, 24pts.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG BASKETBALL LEAGUE: Men. First division. Leicester Riders 76, Manchester Giants 79; Oldham Celtics 87, Derby Bucks 89; Thames Valley Tigers 87, London Towers 79. Second division: Coventry Crusaders 77, Brixton Top Cats 80; Plymouth Raiders 88, Cardiff Heat 78.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 110, Atlanta Hawks 99; Indiana Pacers 137, Charlotte Hornets 105; Miami Heat 93, San Antonio Spurs 86; Portland Trail Blazers 102, New Jersey Nets 91; Philadelphia 76ers 114, Milwaukee Bucks 111; Orlando Magic 92, Washington Bullets 91; Detroit Pistons 108, New York Knicks 80; Minnesota Timberwolves 99, Dallas Mavericks 89; Phoenix Suns 113, Utah Jazz 106; Los Angeles Clippers 106, Golden State Warriors 98; Cleveland Cavaliers 114, Los Angeles Lakers 102; Seattle SuperSonics 141, Sacramento Kings 120. Saturday: Milwaukee Bucks 95, Detroit Pistons 93; Chicago Bulls 112, Atlanta Hawks 92; Houston Rockets 107, Denver Nuggets 102; Sacramento Kings 121, Utah Jazz 117; Seattle SuperSonics 109, Golden State Warriors 92.

BOXING

DAGENHAM: Professional bill: Cruiserweight: Dennis Andries (Hackney) bt David Sewell (California), pts. British featherweight championship: Sean Murphy (St Albans) bt Alan McKay (Wisden), rsc 9th. British heavyweight championship: Herbie Hide (Norwich) bt Michael Murray (Manchester), rsc 5th

MELUN, France: IBF featherweight championship: Tom Johnson (US) bt Manuel Medina (Mex), pts

SEOUL: WBC super-flyweight championship: Moon Sung-kil (S Kor) bt Hilario Zapata (Pan) rsc 1st

BEIJING: WBO light-heavyweight championship: Leeonzer Barber (US) bt Mike Sedillo (US), pts. Heavy: Mike Weaver (US) bt Bert Cooper (US), pts.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Midland Bank world indoor championships: Singles: Final: R Corsie (Scot) bt J McCann (Scot), 7-4, 7-5, 4-7, 7-5. Pairs: Final: G Smith and A Thomson (Eng) bt D Bryant and A Allcock (Eng), 7-6, 7-3, 7-6

CYCLING

VALENCIA, Spain: Tour of Valencia: Sixth stage (Spanish unless stated): 1, F Gnorio (It), 1hr 37min 28sec; 2, L Jalabert (Fr); 3, A Baffi (It), same time; 4, A Edo, same time; 5, M Piccoli (It), same time; 6, P van Peetegem (Bel). Final positions: 1, J Gorospe, 23hr 31min 51sec; 2, S Della Santa (It), 6sec behind; 3, M Indurain, 21; 4, V Aparicio, 25; 5, E Breukink (Holl), 28; 6, T Rominger (Switz), 31

CRICKET

JOHANNESBURG: One-day international tournament: Final: Pakistan 187 (50 overs). West Indies 190-5 (39.4 overs). West Indies won by five wickets

NAGPUR: Second one-day international: England Under-19 143 (M Dawman 40). India Under-19 144-2. India won by eight wickets

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 172 and 349-7 dec (D Wellham 111 not out, S Law 84). New South Wales 174 and 107-6. Melbourne: Victoria 225 and 207-6 (P Nobes 95 not out), Tasmania 297 (R Tucker 120)

RED STRIPE CUP: Charlestown, Nevis: Leeward Islands 341, Barbados 232-3 (R Holder 70 not out, A Griffith 63). Kingstown, St Vincent: Windward Islands 159 and 34-3, Jamaica 302 (N Perry 76, L Williams 54). Georgetown: Guyana 362 (R Harper 94); Trinidad and Tobago 100-8

GOLF

PACIFIC PALISADES, California: Los Angeles Open: Second-round leaders (US unless stated): 138: M Dawson 71, 67; F Couples, 71, 67; D Hammond, 69, 69; P Stewart, 72, 66. 139: G Twiggs, 72, 67; R Fehr, 72, 67; J Mudd, 71, 68; J D Blake, 67, 72; J McGovern, 67, 72; J Cook, 71, 68; T Kite, 73, 66

PRETORIA: South African Masters: Leading final scores (SA unless stated): 275: A Johnstone (Zim), 67, 66, 68, 74. 276: R Wessels, 70, 68, 70, 68. 279: H Buhrmann, 67, 73, 69, 70. 280: J Bland, 73, 72, 66, 69; S Daniels, 62, 53, 73, 76. 281: M McNulty (Zim), 71, 70, 73, 67; E Els, 71, 71, 69, 70; S Van Vuuren, 70, 74, 68, 69; R Goosen, 66, 69, 72, 74; S Burnett, 71, 68, 69, 73; H Royer (US), 68, 68, 69, 76. 282: R Crowder (US), 70, 70, 75, 67; C Davison (GB), 73, 69, 71, 69

SYDNEY: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (Australia unless stated): 272: M Campbell (NZ), 70, 65, 65, 72. 275: S Conran, 69, 68, 68, 70. 276: W Stewart, 67, 71, 69, 69; P Senior, 65, 68, 73, 70. 279: M Clayton, 69, 70, 70, 70

HANDBALL

PARIS: International tournament: Final: Sweden 27, France 26

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley 1, Old Loughtonians 2; Canterbury 0, Hounslow 2; Firebrands 3, Bournville 1; Neston 2, St Albans 2; Slough 2, Havant 1; Southgate 5, East Grinstead 4; Stourport 1, Welton 1; Surbiton 2, Cannock 3; Trojans 5, Teddington 3. Second division: Barford Tigers 2, Brooklands 1; Beeston 2, Warrington 2; Chelmsford 5, Bream 2, Ieca 1; Indian Gymkhana 3, Reading 1; Guildford 2, Richmond 1; Cheltenham 2. Postponed: Doncaster v Lyons; Harborne v Cambridge City; Harleston Magpies v Old Kingstonians

ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Belper 0, Khalsa 1; Coventry and North Warwickshire 2, Olton and West Warwickshire 1; Derby 1, Edgbaston 1; Leicester Westleigh 2, Bridgnorth 1; Worcester Norton 3, Hampton in Arden 2

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Hightown-Northern 2, York 2; Sheffield 2, Formby 1

LACE MAWER NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Deeside Ramblers 5, Rossendale 0; Glaro 2, Manchester 2; Manchester YMCA 0, Bebington 6; Northop Hall 1, Cheadle Hulme Hill 1; Oxton 8, St Helens 1; Prescot 2, Manchester University 1; Lytham St Annes 1, Chester 1; West Derby 1, Winnington Park 1. Bramhall v Macclesfield, abandoned 42min

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Whitehaven 5, Redcar 0

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. Premier division: Bluenarts 1, Luton 1; Broxbourne 1, Peterborough T 3; Bury St Edmunds 0, Norwich City 1; Dereham 2, Pelicans 1; Redbridge and Ilford 1, Ipswich 0; Stevenage 3, West Herts 2; Westcliff 1, Crosby 2

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Allhallows 1, Queen's, Taunton 3; Bloxham 1, Magdalen, Oxford 2; Canford 4, Downside 0; Colston's 2, Bromsgrove 2; Dauntsey's 5, Dean Close 1; Dulwich 2, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 1; Millfield 0, King's, Bruton 0; Monkton Combe 0, King's, Bruton 0; Sir Roger Manwood's 5, St Edmund's, Canterbury 3; Taunton 0, Marlborough 4; The Leys 0, Framlingham 0; Tonbridge 1, Eastbourne 2; Uppingham 6, Worksop 1; Watford GS 1, St George's, Weybridge 1; Wellington (Berks) 4, Epsom 1

AEWHA CUP: Fifth round: Bradford 0, St Albans 1; Chelmsford 1, Slough 1 (4-2 pens); Ealing 7, Leyland Motors 0; Exmouth 3, Bluenarts 1; Hightown 0, Ipswich 1; Leicester 3, Liverpool 0; Wimbledon 1, Doncaster 0. Postponed: Sutton Coldfield v Sherwood

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford 1, Doncaster 1; Exmouth 0, Clifton 3; Leicester 3, Ipswich 2; Pickwick 0, Ealing 2; Slough 0, FP Sutton Coldfield 1; Wimbledon 1, Hightown 2. Standings: 1, Ipswich 25; 2, Hightown 24; 3, Slough 22. Second division: Bluenarts 4, Cambridge City 0; Colwall 1, Sunderland Bedans 2; Harleston Magpies 1, Bradford 2; Sherwood 1, Trojans 0; Yate 0, Bracknell 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Montreal Canadiens 6, Buffalo Sabres 4; Vancouver Canucks 7, Winnipeg Jets 4; New York Rangers 4, Calgary Flames 4 (OT). Saturday: Boston Bruins 5, Washington Capitals 4 (OT); Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Tampa Bay Lightning 3 (OT); Chicago Blackhawks 2, Detroit Red Wings 1; New Jersey Devils 5, Ottawa Senators 2; New York Islanders 3, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Hartford Whalers 5, Quebec Nordiques 3; Calgary Flames 5, San Jose Sharks 4; New York Rangers 1, Edmonton Oilers 0; Montreal Canadiens 8, Buffalo Sabres 4; St Louis Blues 3, Minnesota Timberwolves 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Los Angeles Kings 2

LACROSSE

CHESTER: All England women's territorial championships: East 9, North 6; West 6, Midlands 2; South 17, Combined Universities 1; North 6, Midlands 8; South 6, West 4; North 19, Combined Universities 1; East 7, Midlands 5. Final placings: 1, South; 2, East; 3, West; 4, North; 5, Midlands; 6, Combined Universities

LUGE

LAKE PLACID: World Cup. Men: singles: 1, G Hackl (Ger), 1min 34.950sec; 2, A Zoggeler (It), 1:25.293; 3, R Friedl (Ger), 1:25.331. Final standings: 1, M Prock (Austria), 226pts; 2, Hackl, 205; 3, D Kennedy (US), 191. Pairs: 1, K Brugger and W Huber (It), 1:15.466; 2, H Raffl and N Huber (It), 1:15.678; 3, C Thorpe and G Sheer (US), 1:15.911. Final standings: 1, Raffl and Huber, 124; 2, Brugger and Huber, 117; 3, S Krausse and J Behrendt (Ger), 96. Women's singles: 1, G Weissensteiner (It), 1:15.577; 2, D Neuner (Austria), 1:16.673; 3, A Tagwerker (Austria), 1:15.919. Final standings: 1, Weissensteiner, 119; 2, Neuner, 115; 3, Tagwerker, 94

NORDIC SKIING

FALUN, Sweden: World championship: Women; 30km: 1, S Belmondo (It), 1hr 22min 41.3sec; 2, M Di Centa (It), at 13.7sec; 3, L Egorova (Rus), 1:07.0; 4, L Lazutina (Rus), 2:48.4; 5, A Havrancikova (Slovakia), 2:54.1; 6, G Paruzzi (It), 3:56.8. Overall standings: 1, E Valbe (Rus), 550pts; 2, Egorova, 470; 3, Lazutina, 445; 4, Belmondo, 411; 5, K Neumannova (Cz), 269; 6, T Dybendahl (Nor), 253. Team: 1, Russia, 3,035pts; 2, Norway, 1,682; 3, Italy, 1,609. Men: 50km: 1, T Mogren (Swe), 2:04:30.9; 2, H Balland (Fr), at 54.1sec; 3, B Daehlie (Nor), 1:33.5; 4, G Polvara (It), 1:46.7; 5, V Ulvang (Nor), 2:03.1; 6, J Muhlegg (Ger), 3:03.4. British: 61, E Nicoll, 2:26:34.3; 65, M Palmer, 2:30:45.0. Normal hill ski jumping: 1, M Harada (Japan), 237.8pts; 2, A Goldberger (Austria), 231.3; 3, J Sakala (Cz), 228.2; 4, I Lunardi (It), 224.7; 5, T Nieminen (Fin), 219.8; 6, S Gostisa (Slovenia), 218.1.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON SPA: University match: Cambridge bt Oxford, 4-2 (Cambridge names first): D Colquhoun bt G Baker, 6-1, 6-0; H Swinglehurst lost to R Montgomerie, 4-6, 4-6; A Mellor lost to A Robinson, 5-6, 5-6; G Rubin bt G Bowers, 6-4, 6-3. Doubles: Colquhoun and Mellor bt Baker and Montgomerie, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; Rubin and Swinglehurst bt Robinson and Bowers, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

ROWING

READING HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, Isis (Oxford), 12min 56sec (open winners); 2, Imperial College, 13:03; 3, Isis B, 13:29 (senior 1 winners); 4, London, 13:37; 5, Molesey, 13:41; 6, Bristol University, 13:43; 7 equal, Eton (senior 3 winners) and Upper Thames, 13:44; 9, Oxford Polytechnic, 13:45.4; 10, Oxford University Lightweights, 13:45.6 (senior 2 winners). Other winners: School: Radley 14:04. Novice: Tonbridge School, 15:16. Junior 16: Radley, 14:39. Junior 15: Radley, 15:21. Veteran: Upper Thames, 14:40. Women's senior 2: Thames, 16:13. Women's senior 3: Oxford Polytechnic, 16:07. Women's novice: University College London, 17:44

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Third round

HALIFAX	18	WIGAN	19

Halifax: Tries: Hellas (2), Austin. Goals: Bishop (3). Wigan: Tries: Bell, Lydon, Panapa. Goals: Botica (3). Dropped goal: Lydon. Att: 9,741

HULL KR	4	WIDNES	4

Hull KR: Try: P Fletcher. Widnes: Try: Spruce. Att: 6,288

POSTPONED: Oldham v Bradford.

Stones Bitter Championship

Second division

Featherstone	26	Carlisle	10

POSTPONED: Bramley v Swinton, Rochdale v Huddersfield.

Third division

Barrow	20	Keighley	42
Batley	48	Nottingham	0
Blackpool	12	Workington	78
Dewsbury	10	Hunslet	18
Doncaster	14	Ryedale York	9
Whitehaven	72	Highfield	0

SKIING

LA PLAGNE, France: Freestyle World Cup aerials: Men: 1, A Blanc (Fr), 227.27pts; 2, J-D Cimonet (Fr), 219.37; 3, T Worthington (US), 217.83. Women: 1, C Brand (Switz), 173.63; 2, L Cherjazova (Uz), 170.22; 3, N Stone (US), 167.12

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland: Women's World Cup downhill: 1, A Haas (Austria), 1min 34.47; 2, R Cavagnoud (Fr), at 0.12sec; 3 equal, H Zurbriggen (Switz) and K Pace (Can), both 0.52; 5, B Sadleder (Austria), 0.59; 6, K Seizinger (Ger), 0.61. British: 46, D Pratt, 1:38.14. Downhill standings (after seven events): 1, Seizinger, 480pts; 2, K Lee-Gartner (Can), 259; 3, C Bournissen (Switz), 258; 4 equal, M Vogt (Ger) and Haas, 255; 6, Zurbriggen, 244. Women's World Cup super-giant slalom: 1, C Merle (Fr), 1:28.50; 2, A Wachter (Austria), 1:28.89; 3, R Cavagnoud (Fr), 1:29.12; 4, D Compagnoni (It), 1:29.13; 5, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:29.33; 6, K Lee-Gartner (Can), 1:29.48. Super-giant slalom standings: 1, Merle, 254pts; 2, Maier, 247; 3, Wachter, 217; 4, Seizinger, 191; 5, Eder, 189; 6, Lee-Gartner, 131. Overall standings: 1, Wachter, 954pts; 2, Merle, 764; 3, Seizinger, 752; 4, Vogt, 505; 5, Maier, 456; 6, Lee-Gartner, 440.

WHISTLER MOUNTAIN, Canada: Men's World Cup downhill: 1, A Skaardal (Nor), 2min 10.97sec; 2, T Moe (US), 2:11.96; 3, F Heinzer (Switz), 2:12.09; 4, C Mullen (Can), 2:12.18; 5, C Ple (Fr), 2:12.19; 6, P Rzehak (Austria), 2:12.32. British: 39, G Bell, 2:15.24, did not start, M Bell. Overall standings: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 1,109pts; 2, A Tomba (It), 892; 3, K A Aamodt (Nor), 666; 4, F Heinzer (Switz), 596; 5, G Mader (Austria), 561; 6, T Fogdoe (Swe), 445. Downhill standings: 1, Heinzer, 484; 2, Skaardal, 320; 3, W Besse (Switz), 307; 4, Girardelli, 267; 5, P Ortlieb (Austria), 243; 6, Mahrer, 226.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes Improvement British Open: Fourth round: J White (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-0. Fifth round: A Drago (Malta) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-2; J Wattana (Thai) bt I Graham (Eng), 5-1.

SPEED SKATING

IKAHO, Japan: World sprint championships: Final positions: Men: 1, I Zhelezovski (Belarus), 151.025; 2, Y Miyabe (Japan), 151.440; 3, H Shimizu (Japan), 152.165. Women: 1, Ye Qiaobo (China), 165.925pts; 2, B Blair (US), 166.475; 3, O Pavlova (Rus), 167.355.

SWIMMING

HIGH WYCOMBE: Speedo British grand prix: Round 4: Winners: Men: 200m freestyle: P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 1:56.60. 200m backstroke: S Mellor (Seltaire), 2:10.75. 200m breaststroke: M Belcourt (Harrow & Wealdstone), 2:26.46. 50m butterfly: D Warren (City of Leeds), 26.69. 200m butterfly: M Hooper (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:07.36. 4 by 50m medley: Barnet Copthall, 1:50.15. Women: 50m freestyle: F Hawcroft (Salford), 28.09sec. 800m freestyle: A Pendrich (Beckenham), 9:18.00. 200m backstroke: K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 2:19.67. 100m breaststroke: K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton), 1:14.58. 50m butterfly: L Waller (Barnet Copthall), 30.18. 400m medley: M Smith (Ulster), 5:02.57.

TENNIS

INDIAN WELLS, California: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: H Sukova (Cz) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-1, 7-5; M J Fernandez (US) bt L Davenport (US), 7-5, 6-2; A Coetzer (SA) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-4, 6-0; S Rottier (Holl) bt M Oremans (Holl), 6-2, 6-3. Semi-finals: Fernandez bt Sukova, 6-3, 6-1; Coetzer bt Rottier, 6-4, 6-3.

LINZ, Austria: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: C Martinez (Sp) bt L Meskhi (Georgia), 6-2, 6-2; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-2, 6-0. Final: Maleeva-Fragniere bt Martinez, 6-2, 1-0 ret'd.

MEXICO CITY: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: C Costa (Sp) bt F Montana (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt O Fernandez (Mex), 6-3, 6-4

ROTTERDAM: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Jarryd (Swe) bt A Volkov (Russia), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 6-4. Final: Jarryd bt Novacek, 6-3, 7-5.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Washington (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-1. Semi-finals: M Ondruska (SA) bt A Chesnokov (Rus), 6-4, 7-5; Agassi bt Woodforde, 6-2, 6-3.

TELFORD: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: F Cousin (Fr) bt M Barnard (SA), 7-6, 7-6; M Petchey (GB) bt P Pambianco (It), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. Final: Petchey bt Cousin, 6-1, 7-5.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: LTA Junior Masters: Boys: Group winners: J Delgado (Warwicks), P Martin (Avon), L Milligan (Middx), T Spinks (Norfolk). Semi-finals: Delgado bt Martin, 7-5, 6-4; Spinks bt Milligan, 6-3, 6-1. Final: Delgado bt Spinks, 7-5, 6-2. Girls: Group winners: L Jelfs (Oxon), L Fletcher (Durham and Cleveland), A Green (Suffolk), K Warne-Holland (Cheshire). Semi-finals: Jelfs bt Fletcher, 6-3, 6-1; Warne-Holland bt Green, 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Premier League

Chelsea v Arsenal (7.45)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Kidderminster v Gateshead (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division. Corby v Dover (7.45); Hednesford v Worcester

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Manchester City (7.0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v Fulham (2.0), QPR v Chelsea (2.0), Swindon v Luton (2.0), Watford v Ipswich. League Cup: Plymouth v Torquay (7.15)

HFS LOANS LEAGUE. First division cup. Ashton United v Bridlington Town

DIADORA LEAGUE: Full Members Cup: First round. Croydon v Wokingham

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Colchester United v Oxford United

RUGBY UNION

Club match

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Self-belief enables Wigan to buck system

By Alan Lee

SPORTING success is invariably subject to trends, cycles and fickle fluctuations but Wigan's domination of rugby league bucks the system. If further evidence were needed that they are a phenomenon of our age, it came yesterday from a last-minute dropped goal which settled a cup-tie in the way Wigan now expect and all opponents fear.

Such was the fervour of Halifax's approach that they led until nine minutes from time and were never behind until the closing seconds. They will feel they went out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup unluckily and perhaps they did. But on a day of blizzards and biting winds, when to stage a rugby match at all was a triumph of optimism over logic, the self-belief that sets Wigan apart stood up to a rigorious test.

This 19-18 quarter-final victory extended one of the most astonishing sequences in any sport. Wigan have now won 29 consecutive ties in the Challenge Cup, stretching back six seasons. For the past three years they have won the cup and championship double and if, as is now more probable than possible, they do so again, their Australian coach, John Monie, will take his leave after four flawless years, an impossible act to follow.

Wigan have begun to sift the contenders as successor to Monie, who is to take up a similar post in Auckland, and another Australian is favoured. It is a big job and a lucrative one, for Wigan expect the best and reward it well, but whether the expectation, now seen by the supporters as an entitlement, make it an enviable job is another matter.

The achievements of Wigan, their durability and consistency, deserve to be ranked alongside the greatest of sporting dynasties, such as the Yorkshire cricket team of the 1960s and Liverpool Football Club in the 1980s. That they never will be reflects poorly on the national perception of rugby league.

Its northern boundaries may seldom be breached and its venues, amid factory chimneys and back-to-back terraces, may be bleak, but league is physically daunting and intensely competitive. To achieve unargued supremacy and then sustain it speaks of a club where talent is matched by conviction and commitment.

Among the teams who have begged only for scraps from the master's table, there is a sense of awe. According to Alex Murphy, who has seen just about everything in rugby league: "Wigan are the greatest champions this country has ever known."

Pre-eminence is not without its problems. Shaun Edwards recently threatened to retire, at the decrepit age of 27, if his contract was not improved. Edwards was also one of three Wigan players to receive death threats before their cup-tie with St Helens.

The threats failed. Wigan swamped their neighbours and St Helens, who led the championship at the time, have since gone into decline, late night drinking revelations, compounding the grief of losing their top spot, naturally to Wigan.

Yesterday, the six-year cup run was threateneed. Halifax, the last team before Wigan to win the cup were not cowed by reputation. A sell-out crowd of almost 10,000 created a memorable atmosphere as, three times, Halifax opened up a lead of six points or more.

Showing no hint of panic, Wigan drew level through a 71st minute try from Joe Lydon, poached from colliding defenders after a precise kick by Edwards, and a cool conversion from Frano Botica, now only four points away from the fastest 1,000.

The replay loomed, and the record winning run was all but over, when a practised Wigan move freed Lydon for the dropped goal attempt. He was 40 yards out, the ball was wet, the ground like grease. He scored as if it was mere routine. For Wigan, so it is.

Avoiding them in tonight's cup semi-final draw is seen as paramount by Leeds if they are to end a 15-year hoodoo by reaching Wembley on May 1.

Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, said that he would prefer to tangle with the holders in the final, for obvious reasons, with the home league meeting between the two on Wednesday night acting as a useful guide.

Four other clubs will enter the velvet bag after Widnes, the third favourites, drew 4-4 with Hull Kingston Rovers yesterday and snow caused the postponement of the tie between Oldham, the remaining second division survivors, and Bradford Northern. A new date has yet to be arranged.

Real Madrid temporarily quell the uprising in Deportivo's unheralded ranks

The little people's team desperate to reign in Spain

Andrew Longmore on the fishermen and footballers harbouring dreams of a prize catch

The dream of the little team has not yet died, it just began to blur at the edges on a freezing, wind-swept night in Madrid. Deportivo La Coruña, not so much the Norwich City as the Hull City of Spanish football, remain in the company of their masters at the head of the league, despite a 2-1 defeat by Real Madrid on Saturday night.

On the biggest occasion in their undistinguished history, they did not help their own cause. For the second time this season, Deportivo had two men sent off. For the third time, they missed a penalty. "We cannot afford to make these mistakes," Cesar Augusto Lendoiro, their dapper president, said. "But we have done well to stay level so far." So far.

Today, the team from the little fishing port of La Coruña on the northwest tip of Galicia — the "team of the people", as Lendoiro calls them — will return to its training ground by the Atlantic ocean to try to clarify the picture once more.

With ten games remaining, "Superdepor" are equal on points with Real and, if they can keep their heads, which they spectacularly failed to do in front of a crowd of 80,000 at the ramshackle Santiago Bernebéu Stadium, the most extraordinary footballing story of the year could yet be blessed with a happy ending. Deportivo La Coruna, who have spent 18 of the past 20 seasons in the second division, as league champions of Spain.

The rise of Deportivo has long since passed the milestones by which no-hopers are usually measured. Ignorance has turned to surprise, then shock, delight and grudging belief.

Norwich City have gone through much the same, but they are ten times more fashionable than their Spanish counterparts, whose one claim to sporting fame stems from roller hockey. La Coruña are the AC Milan of roller hockey, at which they have six times been the champions of Europe.

In football, the better comparison is with the Nottingham Forest side that Brian Clough led to the championship in 1977-8, their first season back in the first division. Deportivo had to win their final match to avoid relegation last season.

It seemed only a temporary reprieve, but their shrewd president, a local businessman "neither rich nor poor", in the words of a fellow director, and his ageing coach, Arsenio Iglesias, had other ideas.

They travelled to Rio de Janeiro and, by a mixture of gentle coaxing and downright bullying, persuaded José Roberto Gama de Oliveira, better known as Bebeto, to sign for the club. Their timing was faultless.

Bebeto was anxious to leave Brazil after a kidnap attempt on his children, and had agreed verbally to move to Borussia Dortmund in the German league. Lendoiro offered rival attractions — the sea, seafood, the familiarity of the Galician dialect, which is very close to Portuguese — and netted his man, as well as another influential Brazilian international, Mauro Silva, for a bargain price of £400,000. "Some people were born to sing," Bebeto said. "I was born to score goals." Twenty of them already this season, and from size seven boots, too.

But Deportivo are not a one-man show. Like that Forest side of misfits, unknowns and raw youths that carried all before them for two seasons, they have discovered the art of teamwork, that magical feeling when the whole becomes much greater than the sum of the parts. Every member of the Deportivo team has a slice of his life invested in this adventure, and so any hint of complacency, staleness, arrogance — vices which can rot the soul of richer clubs — has been banished.

For nine of the first ten weeks, Deportivo topped the league, and their little Riazar stadium, flanked by the roller hockey arena and the Atlantic, was full to its 28,000 capacity — over ten per cent of the 200,000 population — every home game.

"Women and children are coming to the games now," Lendoiro said. "Everyone has a smile on their face, though these are not good times for the economy of the town." Even the two club dogs, named after the Perez brothers — Fran, the club captain, and Ramon — have become local celebrities, dressed in the blue and white of La Coruña.

A temporary lapse at the end of last year was greeted by knowing smiles and followed by an 11-game unbeaten run, which took them back to the top of the table. "I knew that we had a good team from the start of the season, but I am still surprised how well we have done," Lendoiro said.

Not half as surprised as the rest of the country, who, as the weeks passed, began to warm to the heroics of the Maruscadors, the fishermen's team. "We are the team of Spain," Lendoiro said. "Everyone enjoys it when little clubs get success against Real Madrid and Barcelona." Both came to the Riazar and were beaten, Real 3-2 and Barcelona 1-0.

For Iglesias, 61, the grey-haired "old fox", these are the sweetest moments of a managerial career grubbing around the lower reaches of the first and second divisions. "I want to savour them as long as possible," he said. Iglesias was born in a village near Coruña, played for Deportivo against the great Real Madrid side of Di Stefano, and has managed them twice.

He does not claim to understand why the chemistry of the side is so perfect, but has developed a hard-running English style that has frightened the life out of sides used to having more time. On Saturday, the speed of their counter-attacks resembled Aston Villa at their best, their tackling as abrasive as Arsenal on a rough day. They took the lead in the first half and held it until the sixtieth minute. The rest was calamity.

Claudio, the goalscorer, was dismissed, Real equalised, Djukic missed a penalty, Michel drove home the winner ten minutes from time and Albistegui was sent off in the dying minutes, leaving Deportivo's pretensions to the title looking as ragged as the half-built top tier of the Bernebéu Stadium.

"It is not significant," Iglesias said, defiantly. "There is still a long way to go." But Deportivo have travelled a very long way already.

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Heading for the top: Villarroya, of Real Madrid, climbs highest at the Bernebéu

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hull damage ends catamaran's quest

THE Jules Verne 80 circumnavigation adventure of Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake is at an end (Barry Pickthall writes). The co-skippers and their five-man crew were limping towards South Africa last night after Enza New Zealand, their 85-foot catamaran, hit a submerged object, about 1,500 miles east-southeast of Port Elizabeth.

Blake reported that Enza, which was four days ahead of record schedule on Friday, had been fast-reaching in moderate conditions when there was a loud bang. "Don Wright, in the starboard hull, was woken by water lapping around him. The bottom part of the starboard centreboard was shattered and the port centreboard had taken a belt too. It's definitely not water damage. It's too severe for that." Blake also discounted ice. "We are taking in substantial water but the hull has watertight bulkheads and the inflow is contained for now," Blake said. Whether Enza headed for Cape Town or Durban would depend on the weather and how she stood up under more speed.

Bruno Peyron's Commodore Explorer, reported to have rudder and mainsail damage, advised Enza she was nearby.

Hide seeks record

BOXING: Herbie Hide has his sights on a Lonsdale belt record set by the featherweight, Colin McMillan. Hide aims to defend his newly-acquired British heavyweight championship successfully twice in 63 days, and win the belt outright 14 weeks quicker than McMillan in 1991. The announcement deflected talk of Hide challenging Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, who watched Hide halt Michael Murray in the fifth round of a one-sided bout in Dagenham on Saturday.

A first defence against Paddy Reilly, of Derby, was agreed for Norwich on March 23. Then Derek Williams, or even the cruiserweight, Dennis Andries, now over 40, come into view for the second defence on May 1.

Men back new event

SQUASH: Peter Marshall and other leading English squash players who boycotted the England national championships in Manchester in January will contest their own version of the event, the British Squash Professionals Association championship, from March 25. The only absentee from the England top 20 is Phil Whitlock, the No. 4, who won the national title after refusing to join the boycott. He has prior commitments. The players intend to establish a circuit of events in Britain. For this tournament, at Cheshunt, Parklangley and Bromley Town clubs, the prize-money is £7,700 — about £2,000 more than was on offer to the men at the England championship.

Curry boosts Britain

SKIING: Jilly Curry produced a further boost for British confidence at next week's freestyle world championships in Austria with a double-medal success at the extended World Cup competition in La Plagne, France. Curry, 29, from London, just missed gold, but won a silver and a bronze in the gruelling combination of freestyle moguls, ballet and aerials. Her silver came in the extra competition added to make up for earlier weather problems. She set up her chance by recording one of her best scores ever and winning the opening moguls event in La Clusaz. However, a crash landing in her second jump of the acrobatic aerials cost the British team its first gold of the winter.

University crews excel

ROWING: Oxford University regained the Reading headship on Saturday with a solid performance which put them seven seconds clear of Imperial College. "Very strong but still rough" was how Matthew Pinsent, Oxford's president, summed up his crew's performance. Isis, the Oxford reserve boat, finished third. Cambridge revealed their likely Boat Race crew for the first time when beating Molesey, with six Olympians on board, by an unexpectedly large margin of 26 seconds in a race from Putney to Chiswick Steps. Cambridge coped well with rough conditions and pleased their coach, John Wilson. After water had been emptied from the boats, Cambridge won a four-minute race by three lengths.

Wattana through



SNOOKER: James Wattana, right, the runner-up 12 months ago, completed a 5-1 victory over Ian Graham, of Watford, in the fifth round of the Wickes British Open in Derby yesterday. The Thai compiled breaks of 72, 63, 85 and 63. In the quarter-finals Wattana will meet Tony Drago, who defeated John Parrott 5-2 on Saturday night. Steve Davis had a 5-2 win over Steve Lee.

Thames Valley step up

BASKETBALL: Thames Valley Tigers revived their Carlsberg League championship challenge by defeating London Towers 87-79 on Saturday. They moved within two points of the leaders, Worthing Bears, who have a game in hand. London, one of only three clubs to have beaten the Tigers in the league this season, led early and again just before the interval before an 11-2 spurt by Thames Valley early in the second half. Without John Leone, their 6ft 10in American, whose knee injury has put him out for the season, London had no answer to the improved form of Lester James. The 6ft 7in New Yorker scored 25 points, only one fewer than his club's best marksman, Nigel Lloyd.

Hounslow's title

HOCKEY: Hounslow were made to work hard for their 2-0 away victory over Canterbury yesterday before securing the Pizza Express National League title for the second time. The goals came from a Hacker penalty stroke and Hazlitt. Slough's women lost in both the league and cup at the weekend, leaving their only hope of honours this season resting on the fortunes of their nearest rivals. In the league, Slough lost 1-0 to Sutton Coldfield; in the cup, they were beaten 4-2 by Chelmsford on penalty strokes. This completed a miserable week for Slough. They had to make do without Kate Parker and Denise Shorney, who walked out of the club after a disagreement with the manager.

Devils home and dry

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils broke open the champagne bottles on Saturday night to celebrate winning the Heineken League premier division title for the second time. Until last weekend it was mathematically possible for Murrayfield Racers to overhaul Devils' ten-point lead. However, Racers recently experienced disciplinary problems and faced Nottingham Panthers without three key players, including their league leading points scorer, Tony Hand, and the player-coach, John Newberry. They paid the price, losing 12-3. Panthers again imported Jaroslav Sevcik from Rotterdam, who scored two goals and one assist in a comfortable victory.

BOWLS

Corsie withstands spirited challenge

By David Rhys Jones

RICHARD Corsie, of Edinburgh, won the Midland Bank world indoor singles title for the third time at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, when he defeated his fellow Scot, Jim McCann of Blantyre, 7-4, 7-5, 4-7, 7-5, in an exciting final of uneven quality.

McCann, the underdog, snapped at the heels of the favourite. Sometimes he forced Corsie into errors; more often he brought the best out of him.

Fears that McCann would wilt when subjected to the pressures of playing in a world final, were soon allayed when he produced two singles on the opening ends. On both occasions he did wonderfully well with his final delivery. He dropped a full house on the third end and levelling the scores, 4-4, on the fourth end, he lost the set, 7-4. The pessimists said McCann would lose in straight sets. They were wrong.

There was a historic defeat on Saturday for David Bryant and Tony Allcock, who had won the pairs title six times in seven years and were looking for their fifth successive victory. They were beaten in straight sets by their England colleagues, Gary Smith and Andy Thomson.

RESULTS: Finals: Singles: R Corsie (Scot) bt J McCann (Scot), 7-4, 7-5, 4-7, 7-5. Pairs: G Smith and A Thomson (Eng) bt D Bryant and A Allcock (Eng), 7-6, 7-3, 7-6.

UNIVERSITY ROWING

Cambridge Lent races

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Caius; 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Pembroke; Christ's bpd Churchill, St Catharine's bpd Clare.

SECOND DIVISION: Corpus Christi bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity II; Sidney Sussex bpd Peterhouse; Trinity Hall II bpd Caius II; King's bpd Pembroke II; LMBC III bpd Magdalene II.

THIRD DIVISION: Queens' II bpd Selwyn II; Emmanuel II bpd Fitzwilliam II; Girton II bpd Churchill II; Clare III bpd Veterinary School; Christ's II bpd Corpus Christi II.

FOURTH DIVISION: St Catharine's II bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity III; CCAT bpd Magdalene III; Selwyn III bpd LMBC V; Robinson II bpd Addenbrooke's II; King's II bpd Wolfson; Downing III bpd Queens' III; Pembroke III bpd Hughes Hall.

FIFTH DIVISION: Jesus IV bpd Queens' IV; St Catharine's III bpd St Edmund's Hall, Girton III bpd Theological Colleges, Sidney Sussex III bpd Emmanuel III; Downing IV bpd Magdalene IV; CCAT II bpd LMBC VI.

Finishing order

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Downing, Jesus, LMBC, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Pembroke, Queens', Emmanuel, Christ's, Churchill, Selwyn, Magdalene, St Catharine's, Clare, Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Fitzwilliam, LMBC II, Jesus II, Downing II, Girton, Corpus Christi, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Sidney Sussex, Peterhouse, Trinity Hall II, Caius, King's, Pembroke II, Clare II, LMBC III, Magdalene II.

THIRD DIVISION: Queens' II, Selwyn II, Jesus III, Emmanuel II, Fitzwilliam II, Girton II, Churchill II, Peterhouse II, Clare III, Veterinary School, Churchill III, Christ's II, Corpus Christi II, LMBC IV, Darwin, Trinity Hall III.

FOURTH DIVISION: St Catharine's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, CCAT, Magdalene III, Selwyn III, LMBC IV, Robinson II, Addenbrooke's, King's II, Wolfson, Downing III, Queens' III, Sidney Sussex II, Christ's III, Caius III, Pembroke III.

FIFTH DIVISION: Hughes Hall, Corpus Christi III, Homerton, Jesus IV, Queens' IV, St Catharine's III, St Edmund's Hall, Girton III, Theological Colleges, Trinity Hall IV, Sidney Sussex III, Emmanuel III, Downing IV, Magdalene IV, Clare IV, CCAT II, LMBC VI, St Catharine's IV.

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall bpd Queens' (subject to appeal); St Catharine's bpd New Hall; Sidney Sussex bpd Caius; Girton bpd Churchill; 1st and 3rd Trinity bpd Downing; Christ's bpd Robinson.

SECOND DIVISION: Magdalene bpd Pembroke; LMBC II bpd Corpus Christi; Wolfson bpd Clare II; Darwin bpd Girton II.

THIRD DIVISION: Darwin bpd New Hall II, LMBC III, bpd Addenbrooke's; St. Catherine's II bpd Churchill II; Homerton II bpd Hughes Hall; Christ's II bpd Caius II; Jesus III bpd Pembroke II.

Finishing order

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Jesus, Emmanuel, Newnham, Selwyn, Trinity Hall, Queens', Clare, St Catharine's, New Hall, Sidney Sussex, Caius, Girton, Churchill, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Downing, Christ's.

SECOND DIVISION: Robinson, Magdalene, Pembroke, Homerton, LMBC II, Corpus Christi, Jesus II, Newnham II, Fitzwilliam, CCAT, Selwyn II, LMABC, Wolfson, Clare II, Emmanuel, Sidney Sussex II, Darwin.

THIRD DIVISION: Girton II, New Hall II, LMBC III, Addenbrooke's, St Catharine's II, Churchill II, Homerton II, Hughes Hall, Christ's II, Caius II, Queens' II, Trinity Hall II, Corpus Christi II, Jesus III, Pembroke II, Jesus IV, Caius III, Emmanuel III.

Oxford Torpids

Men

Results

FIRST DIVISION: bpd Pembroke: Worcester bpd Christ Church; St Edmund Hall bpd Oriel II.

SECOND DIVISION: St Catherine's bpd Hertford; Queen's bpd St John's; Exeter bpd St John's, Jesus bpd Keble.

THIRD DIVISION: Oriel III bpd New College II; Pembroke II bpd Worcester II; Lincre bpd Worcester II; St Anne's bpd Brasenose II.

FOURTH DIVISION: St Anne's bpd Mansfield, St Edmund Hall II bpd Corpus Christi; Exeter II bpd Corpus Christi; Keble II bpd Corpus Christi; Queen's II bpd St Catherine's II; Magdalen II bpd Lincoln II; Lady Margaret Hall bpd Lincoln II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Regent's Park bpd Wadham II, St Peter's II bpd Hertford II, Oriel IV bpd Jesus II; Jesus II bpd Hertford II; Oriel V bpd Worcester III, St Benet's Hall bpd St Anne's II; St Anne's II bpd Worcester III.

Finishing order

FIRST DIVISION: Oriel, Brasenose, University, Pembroke, Magdalen, Worcester, Christ Church, New College, St Edmund Hall, Oriel II, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: St Catherine's, Hertford, Lincoln, Wadham, Wolfson, Queen's, Exeter, St John's, Jesus, Keble, Christ Church II, St Peter's.

THIRD DIVISION: Trinity, Osler House, St Hugh's, Universey II, Merton, Oriel III, New College II, Pembroke II, Lincare, Worcester II, St Anne's.

FOURTH DIVISION: Brasenose II, Mansfield, St Edmund Hall II, Exeter II, Keble II, Corpus Christi, Queen's II, St John's II, St Catherine's II, Magdalen II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Lincoln II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Regent's Park, Wadham II, St Peter's II, Oriel IV, Jesus II, Hertford II, St John's III, Keble III, Oriel V, St Benet's Hall, St Anne's II, Worcester III, Queen's III

Women

Results

FIRST DIVISION: St Catherine's bpd University; St Hilda's bpd Wolfson; Oriel bpd Lady Margaret Hall; Lady Margaret Hall bpd Wolfson; Trinity bpd Wolfson.

SECOND DIVISION: Trinity bpd Worcester; St Anne's bpd Brasenose, Jesus bpd Keble; Lincoln bpd Hertford; Somerville II bpd Balliol; Queen's bpd Balliol.

THIRD DIVISION: Queen's bpd Merton, Magdalen bpd Exeter; Osler House II bpd St Hugh's; Wadham bpd St Hugh's, Pembroke II bpd New College II, New College II bpd St Hugh's.

Finishing order

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville, New College, Osler House, St Catherine's, University, Wadham, Pembroke, Christ Church, St Hilda's, Oriel, Lady Margaret Hall, Trinity, Wolfson.

SECOND DIVISION: Worcester, St Anne's, Brasenose, St John's, Jesus, Keble, Lincoln, Hertford, St Edmund Hall, Somerville II, Queen's II, Balliol

THIRD DIVISION: Merton, Magdalen, Exeter, Lincre, St Peter's, Osler House II, Wadham II, Pembroke II, New College II, St Hugh's, Oriel II

Pilkington Cup ties run to form

Wasps eye double after resisting West Hartlepool

West Hartlepool 9
Wasps 15

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE double-talk of Pilkington Cup and Courage Clubs Championship, derives from the burning self-belief of Wasps. They do not have much left to fear. They have dispatched Harlequins and Leicester in the league and Northampton, although they have not met this season, would be their favoured choice in today's semi-final cup draw.

After overcoming blizzards and the tempest whipped up by West Hartlepool in their cup quarter-final on Saturday, their confidence can only have swelled further. Wasps maximised their minimum attacking effort with two timely tries. A Trojan campaign waged by West Hartlepool yielded three first-half penalties by Stabler, their captain, but a try never looked like disrupting Wasps' attrition.

The new burger stand at Brierton Lane promised hot stuff and West Hartlepool obliged, as they have for much of the season. Losing narrowly, unfortunately, has been their usual reward, and their relegation from the top flight is a virtual certainty. A side can travel so far with a fiery, ball-winning pack, but the towering displays of Dixon, Westgarth and Brown cannot fully compensate for a sluggish set of backs.

Despite winning the touchline battle (58 lineouts made for meagre entertainment), West Hartlepool had neither the pace nor a sufficiently accurate kicking policy to frustrate Wasps. The visitors soaked up the pressure and swamped the home line when Holmes was bundled over in the first half, before retreating to their cell.

On the one occasion when West Hartlepool looked likely to shatter Wasps' composure at the back, Blyth made a two-handed take and was being carried over by the momentum of his forwards when Emeruwa prised the ball from his grasp.

That and two straightforward penalty misses by Stabler in the opening period left the home side vulnerable to Wasps' supreme opportunism.

Against the biting wind, the seventh-minute try by Holmes was crucial. Wasps made one more sortie into opposition territory and returned with an Andrew dropped goal, which gave them a 10-9 lead with the gale driving them on in the second half, although West were at their most cussed.

If Cooke had reckoned on chipping and relying on his questionable speed on the left wing, a breakaway score could have brought glory. Instead, the clattering embrace of Clough and Childs met West Hartlepool head-on and Emeruwa and White worked the gaps in the loose.

Andrew fluffed four of five goal kicks but his positional placement was exemplary, as was the work of Ryan in helping to lay the ball back three times for Buzza's winning try in the right corner.

By their adventure and commitment, West Hartlepool earned the more plaudits. Their loss to the highly competitive second division, seemingly inevitable, could herald an equally tough fight next season. A side low on scoring potential will always suffer, passion notwithstanding.

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Penalty goals: Stabler (3) Wasps: Tries: Holmes, Buzza. Conversion: Andrew Dropped goal: Andrew.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant; O Evans, C Lee, P Hodder, D Cooke, J Stabler, J Wrigley; P Lancaster, S Mitchell, P Whitelock, D Blyth, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, P Evans
WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, F Clough, G Childs, C Oti, R Andrew, S Bates, G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, F Emeruwa, R Kinsey, D Ryan, M White, M Greenwood
Referee: S Lander (Liverpool)

☐ The video camera was brought out at Leicester to record Exeter's greatest day in the history of the English cup, but the film amounted to a horror movie as Exeter were outclassed in their quarter-final by 13 tries to nil (Peter Bills writes).

What made the chasm in class even more obvious was that the West Country club, well placed to win promotion to the second division, did not capitulate in their tackling. Leicester's 76-0 victory would have been still greater had Liley, successful with only four conversions, not suffered one of his worst days.

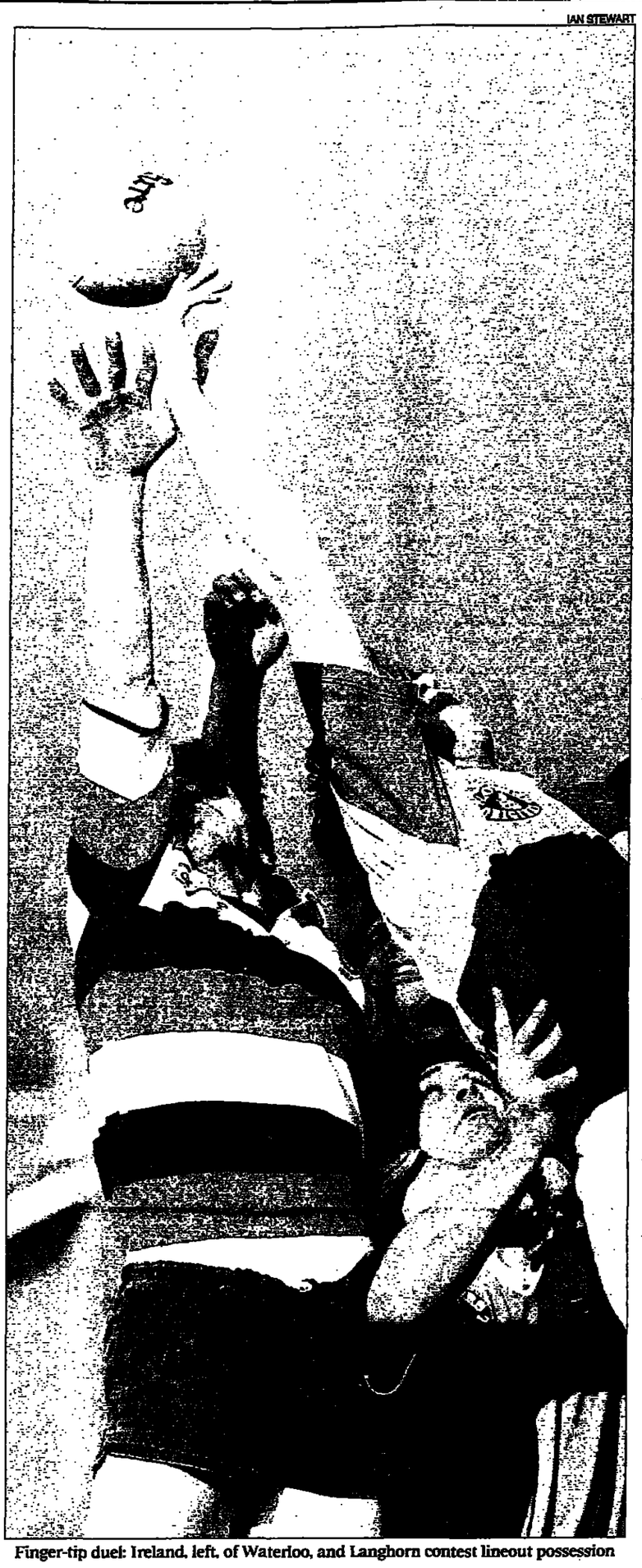
Had this game been played under the laws of last season, Leicester would have passed 100 points. The absurdity of the change over scrummage feed after a ruck or maul which is held up was demonstrated vividly by scrum feed statistics of 13 for Leicester but 21 for Exeter. Leicester were going forward relentlessly but lost the scrum feed, often after making 50 or 60 yards in a thrilling attack.

Maunder did his best but Exeter were cut to pieces by the power of the Leicester forwards and the greater pace throughout the home team. Tony Underwood cut through Exeter like a rapier, scoring three tries and helping create five others.

Leicester's true worth will be measured by their semi-final opponents, but their strong pack will give the best teams plenty to think about.

Povoas began the Leicester try spree and Tony Underwood, Back and Richards (twice) scored before half-time, when the score was 28-0. Tony Underwood added two more and others came from Potter, Liley (two), Cockerill, Grewcock and Rory Underwood.

IAN STEWART



Finger-tip duel: Ireland, left, of Waterloo, and Langhorn contest lineout possession

Harlequins use two breakaway scores as victory springboard

Waterloo 14
Harlequins 21

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AMID all the comings and goings, of doctors and sponge men, of players changing boots and the recriminations which followed at chilly Blundellsands on Saturday, nobody disagreed with Harlequins arriving at their eighth Pilkington Cup semi-final. "Too streetwise," Peter Buckton, the Waterloo flanker, said, which was perhaps unkind to his own side.

Harlequins, who had scored 119 points in their two previous Pilkington Cup matches, looked to have a significant edge in pace against this season's giant-killers. But victory by a goal, a try and three penalty goals to a try and three penalties, which was scarred by accusations of foul play, illegal footwear and unpleasant injuries, also required a slice of good fortune.

Saverimutto, a scrum half rightly acclaimed by Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins team manager, as one of the most promising young players in his position in the country, had to miss touch to give last year's finalists the chance to run from deep. Wedderburn took his opportunity well but nobody can say whether he would have been tackled by Swindells if the Waterloo full back had not been groggy from the blow to the head suffered six minutes earlier and which caused his departure at half-time.

Moreover, in the last quarter, under lowering skies and flurries of snow, Handley could kick only one of three penalty opportunities. Grayson, Waterloo's first choice goal kicker, was absent through injury and Swindells, the second choice, was off the pitch. The last flourish of Waterloo's cup campaign, which has seen them remove Bath and Orrell from the competition, was to send little Healey surging into the corner before the cover hauled him down three yards short.

Salmon applauded Waterloo's effort: "I hope they get into the first division. They have some good players but to win the Cup you have to go away from home and win tough games." But he must have been dismayed that the loss of Langhorn with a fractured cheekbone caused such a difference to the lineout, an area Harlequins dominated in the first half.

By the end, Waterloo had hauled themselves into equality, having already displayed their scrummaging prowess in the tight and loose. Ten minutes of solid early pressure paid off at a five-metres scrum when Saverimutto stole a try under Harlequin noses but, for all the work of their forwards, the young Waterloo backs never looked likely to find a way through; any gaps that did occur were swiftly closed by Winterbottom, who was quite outstanding.

The loss of Swindells at half-time caused a reshuffle to Waterloo's backs and left Handley content to kick for territory. Wedderburn's try in the fifth minute of first-half injury time gave Harlequins the edge they needed and they confirmed their power with a second try from their own 22. It began unpromisingly with Paul Challinor — who judged his goal kicking quite beautifully — having a clearance kick charged down. But Leonard erupted from the maul, Sheasby and Russell gave powerful support and Bray collected the try.

Challinor was one of three players unable to train at Roehampton yesterday as the England A team prepared for Friday's game with Spain at Richmond. John Hall, the captain, and Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, were also carrying injuries after Saturday's club matches.

Hall suffered a whiplash injury to the neck as Bath lost 27-17 to Cardiff but at least that match confirmed the fitness of Stuart Barnes, recalled for five nations' championship duty against Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday. Barnes, who has had a strained calf muscle, took his place as the squad prepared to repel a Scottish team seeking the triple crown.

"It is a major test for us," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said. "Our pride has been severely dented [by the Welsh defeat] but we haven't lost in the five nations at Twickenham for five years. There are a lot of points to prove and players know there is much at stake personally with the British Isles tour at the end of the season."

Mick Galwey, the Ireland No. 8 and one of the few contenders from his country for a Lions place, could not train with the national squad because of a bruised leg when they met to prepare for the game with Wales.

SCORERS: Waterloo: Try: Saverimuto. Penalty goals: Handley (2), Swindells. Harlequins: Tries: Wedderburn, Bray. Conversion: Challinor. Penalty goals: Challinor (3).
WATERLOO: S Swindells (rep: A Handley); A Healey, M Craig, N Hill, G Fraser; I Aitchison, C Saverimutto; M Beckett, P Hackett, S Peters, A Ireland, N Wilkinson, N Allott, P Buckton, S Beeley.
HARLEQUINS: K Bray; M Wedderburn, W Carling, G Thompson, E Davis; P Challinor, J Rouse; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, R Langhorn (rep: N Killick), P Winterbottom, C Sheasby.
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

Shelford bears down on final

Northampton 37
Moseley 15

BY BRYAN STILES

NORTHAMPTON supporters had enough heroes to cheer in this rousing Pilkington Cup quarter-final at Franklins Gardens, but they reserved their loudest applause for a player who did not even make it on to the pitch. Ian Hunter, the wing England have discarded, paraded in front of the stand to show he had recovered from a knee operation and was bursting to regain his club and England place.

But it is at full back that he sees himself playing for both teams, particularly as Jonathan Webb is having a shaky season as England's last line of defence. Hunter is hoping to make his return to the big time in the East Midlands v Barbarians game at Northampton on March 10, and perhaps even be handed the England No. 15 shirt for the match against Ireland ten days later.

As he watched Northampton dismantle Moseley's cup challenge, he must have envisaged the way he would have added more thrust to their attacks with interventions from full back. The game was made for his attacking style of play.

He saw Shelford, the former All Black captain, who has been the linchpin of Northampton's remarkable revival, romping around the field like a threequarter, racing in for two tries after finding himself perfectly positioned in back-line attacks.

Shelford has achieved folk hero status in Northampton and he is determined to shepherd the team to cup final glory in what he insists is his last season as a player. His play has inspired the likes of Rodber, who capped a fine display with a try.

With Northampton near the top of the Courage Clubs Championship first division and Moseley near the bottom of the second, the gulf in class in this quarter-final was soon exposed. The Moseley pack did, however, produce a gritty performance under the leadership of Teague, the England flanker.

Steele missed with six out of nine goal attempts,



Shelford: determined

converting Rodber's try and one by Thorneycroft, then collecting a penalty. A penalty by Massey made it 22-3 at half-time. After the interval, Shelford swooped twice and Packman touched down once, but Moseley hit back with tries by Spiller and Raymond.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Beal, Rodber, Thorneycroft, Shelford (2), Packman. Conversions: Steele (3) Penalty goal: Steele Moseley: Tries: Spiller, Raymond Conversion: Massey Penalty goal: Massey
NORTHAMPTON: J Steele; J Griffiths, N Beal, F Packman, H Thorneycroft, S Tubb, M Dawson, G Baldwin, J Oliver, G Pearce, P Walton, M Bayfield, J Ethendge, T Rodber, W Shelford.
MOSELEY: S Purdy (rep W Hart), D Spiller, I Bancroft, R Massey, G Barrett, M Hardcastle, N Parry (rep B Fenley), M Linnett, D Ball, P Mitchell, M Teague, M Proctor, C Raymond, R Barr, P Shillington
Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire)

Jenkins completes Pontypridd comeback

Pontypool 18
Pontypridd 21

BY GERALD DAVIES

NEIL Jenkins, who has been at the receiving end of a barrage of unfair criticism after Wales's failure at Murrayfield — which waslargely because of the forwards' incapacity to win any of the ball, which no stand-off half can redeem — proved the match-winner in this Swalec Cup match.

With three minutes to go, some 40 metres out and to the right of the post, which gave him an awkward angle, the Pontypridd stand-off dropped a beautiful goal with his right foot. This gave them a victory by a goal, a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to three tries and a penalty.

It was a timely kick. At 18 points apiece, Pontypool, with three tries to the visitors' two, could have expected to go through to the quarter-finals.

While they may be forced to admire Jenkins's audacious kick, Pontypool had to kick themselves in the end. With 13 minutes to go they led by ten points at 18-8. But they allowed the game to fall away from them.

If their defence was their main platform, the presiding influence was, inevitably, Mark Ring. Even as he approaches his twilight years, it is hard to think of Ring in terms of maturity, so youthfully spontaneous his game remains.

Nowhere was this better exemplified than in the first of Pontypool's two second-half tries, which allowed them to believe they might yet win, even though they were running into a stiff breeze and against the park's gradient.

In a humdrum first half, the only highlight was Gavin Jones's try, after a long break from his own half by Steele Lewis.

Jenkins's penalty, which had cancelled out Ring's, was Pontypridd's other score. Shaun White's try brought the teams level at the interval.

After having defended for 19 minutes behind their 22-metre line, Ring showed off his special brand of talent. First, on his 22-metre line, he feigned to drop out one way and went the other. The move finally ended up near Pontypridd's line.

Then, given a penalty, he ignored the shot at goal, and while Pontypridd's backs were turned he tapped the ball to himself and sent White in for his second try.

Jenkins's pass near Pontypool's line was intercepted by Taylor, who ran the length of the field for his try.

But Pontypool relaxed and allowed Ceri Jones to sprint through a thin defence, which hitherto had been strong.

The rest was left to Jenkins's boot when he converted the try, added a 40-metre penalty and dropped the winning goal.

SCORERS: Pontypool: Tries: White (2), B Taylor. Penalty goal: Ring. Pontypridd: Tries: G Jones, C Jones. Conversion: Jenkins. Penalties: Jenkins (2). Dropped goal: Jenkins.
PONTYPOOL: A Carr; S White, P Taylor, L Jones, B Taylor; M Ring, C Bridges; M Crowley, N Meek, L Mustoe, C Crane, N Jones, R Goodey, V Davies, M Spiller
PONTYPRIDD: M Back; G Jones (rep S Lewis), S Lewis, C Jones, D Hughes, N Jenkins, P John; N Benzaril, P John, M Plowell, N Jones, M Rowley, G Prosser, D McIntosh, M Rowlands.
Referee: R Yemen (WRU).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Pilkington Cup
Quarter-finals

LEICESTER 76 EXETER 0
Leicester: Tries: T Underwood (3), Liley (2), Richards (2), Back, Cockerill, Grewcock, Potter, Povoas, R Underwood. Cons: Liley (4). Pen: Liley
NORTHAMPTON 37 MOSELEY 15
Northampton: Tries, Shelford (2), Beal, Packman, Rodber Thorneycroft Cons: Steele (2) Pen. Steele: Moseley: Tries: Raymond, Spiller Con: Massey Pen: Massey
WATERLOO 14 HARLEQUINS 21
Waterloo: Try: Saverimutto Pens: Handley (2), Swindells. Harlequins: Tries: Bray, Wedderburn Con: Challinor Pens: Challinor (3)
W HARTLEPOOL 9 WASPS 15
West Hartlepool: Pens: Stabler (3) Wasps: Tries: Buzza Holmes Con: Andrew Dropped goal: Andrew

Swalec Cup
Sixth round

BRIDGEND 41 LLANDOVERY 0
Bridgend: Tries: Howley (2), Wilkins (2), Evans Cons: Evans (5) Pens: Lewis (2)
DUNVANT 10 CROSS KEYS 10
Dunvant: Try, Morris. Con: Thomas Pen: Thomas Cross Keys: Tries: Glastonbury, Marshall
LLANELLI 57 NEWBRIDGE 3
Llanelli: Tries: Evans (4), Lewis (2), Moon (2) Jones, Proctor Cons: Stephens (7) Pen: Stephens Newbridge: Pen: Williams.
NEATH 30 TALYWAIN 7
Neath: Tries: Boobyer, Morris, Reynolds, Thorburn Cons: Thorburn (2) Pens: Thorburn (2) Talywain: Try: Matthews Con: Lewis
NEWPORT 27 CARDIFF QUINS 11
Newport: Tries: Carter, Voyle Watkins Pens: Williams (4) Cardiff Quins: Try: Hopkin. Pens: Connack (2)
PONTYPOOL 18 PONTYPRIDD 21
Pontypool: Tries: White (2), Taylor Pen: Ring Pontypridd: Tries: G Jones, C Jones Con: Jenkins Pens. Jenkins (2) Dropped goal: Jenkins
S WALES POL 11 SWANSEA 27
South Wales Police: Try: Williams Pens: Marshall (2) Swansea: Tries: Bell, Davies, Weatherley Cons: Williams (3) Pens: Williams (2)
ST PETER'S 13 BONYMAEN 18
St Peter's: Try: Matthews Con: Edwards Pens: Edwards (2) Bonymaen: Pens: Morris (5) Dropped goal: John.

Heineken Welsh League
Second division

Penarth 18 Abertillery 25

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

DUNDEE HSFP 16 GALA 13
Dundee HSFP: Try: Douglas Con: Newton. Pens: Newton (3) Gala: Try: Dalgleish Con: Townsend. Pens: Townsend (2)
EDINBURGH AC 6 SELKIRK 6
Edinburgh Academicals: Pen: Simmers Dropped goal. Hay-Smith Selkirk: Pens: Nicol (2).
HAWICK 15 HERIOTS FP 20
Hawick: Tries: Reid, Grant Con: Gordon. Pen: Gordon Heriot's FP: Tries: Stoddart (2) Cons: Lawrie (2) Pens: Lawrie (2)
KELSO 18 BOROUGHMUIR 12
Kelso: Tries: Roxburgh, Walker Con: Aitchison Pens: Aitchison (2) Boroughmuir: Tries: Stark, Robbie Smith Con: Seagar
MELROSE 18 CURRIE 7
Melrose: Try: Weir Con. Parker Pens: Parker (3) Currie: Try: Tonkin Con: Donaldson
STIRLING CO 23 GLASGOW HK 11
Stirling County: Tries: Elliot, McVey, Logan. Con: McKenzie. Pens: Logan. McKenzie Glasgow High Kelvinside: Try: Devan Pen: Brackenridge Dropped goal: Brackenridge
WATSONIANS 5 JED-FOREST 50
Watsonians: Try: Garry Jed-Forest: Tries: Yule (2), Armstrong (2), Amos, Douglas, Hogg Pens: McKechnie (3) Dropped goals: Amos (2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	12	11	0	1	294	150	22
Gala	12	9	1	2	255	141	19
Edinburgh Ac	11	8	1	2	226	137	17
Boroughmuir	10	6	0	4	202	129	12
Jed-Forest	12	6	0	6	195	175	12
Currie	11	6	0	5	179	218	12
Hawick	11	5	1	5	197	158	11
Kelso	12	5	0	7	203	259	10
Watsonians	12	5	0	7	190	258	10
Stirling Co	11	4	0	7	136	169	8
Heriots FP	11	4	0	7	204	246	8
Selkirk	12	3	1	8	161	306	7
Glasgow High	11	3	0	8	234	232	6
Dundee HSFP	12	3	0	9	142	269	6

Second division

Clarkston	3	Stewart's Mel FP	24
Dunfermline	18	Preston Lodge	18
Edinburgh W	9	Wigtownshire	15
Glasgow Ac	20	Ayr	12
Grangemouth	26	Peebles	0
Kilmarnock	3	W of Scotland	55
Musselburgh	25	Kirkcaldy	0

THIRD DIVISION: Portobello FP 20, Royal High 6, Langholm 19, Dumfries 22, Perthshire 15, Howe of Fife 8, Corstorphine 10, Haddington 12, St Boswells 3, Hutchesons Boys'ans 26, Hillhead Jordanhill 18, Biggar 14

FOURTH DIVISION: Leith Academicals 19, Highland 15, Livingston 0, Edinburgh University 3, East Kilbride 17, Dalziel HSFP 9, Lismore 8, Linlithgow 11, Carnha Queens Park 11, Stewartry 15

Club matches

Aberavon	39	Cheltenham	8
Aspatria	50	Durham	11
Bridgt	28	L Irish	17
Cambridge Univ	16	Harrogate	7
Cardiff	27	Bath	17
Morley	16	Orrell	19
Nottingham	65	Met Police	0
Plymouth	35	Nuneaton	10
Rosslyn Park	26	Havant	15
Rugby	15	Wakefield	3
Sale	40	Fylde	18
Saracens	20	Bedford	11
Tredegar	29	Ludlow	16
Walsall	8	Clifton	28
Coventry	48	Stourbridge	7
L Welsh	30	Glamorgan W	26

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Semi-finals: Fleetwood 24, Tredworth 5. Hinchin 19 Kidderminster Carolians 10

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship, Middlesex: Civil Service 18 Old Haberdashers 5. Spicers Eastern Counties Cup, Quarter-finals: Barking 18, Southend 7, Cambridge 19, Thurrock 6, Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: High Wycombe 61, Newbury 6. CLOB Merit Table: John Fisher Old Boys 6, Old Hamptonians 22, Old Blues 59, Old Paulines 8, Old Cranleighans 17, Old Dunstonians 10, Old Wellingtonians 22, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 32. Fullers Brewery Hertfordshire Merit Table: Old Albanians 77, Bedfordians 8. Fullers Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: London New Zealand 23 Hull RI 0

SOUTH WEST: Gloucestershire Cup: Semi-finals: Berry Hill 0, Matson 13, Stroud 36, Dryborck 6. Bristol and District Whitbread Cup: Second round: Old Bristolians 12, Kevnsham 15. Quarter-finals: Clevo 18, Chippenham 8, Dings Crusaders 23, Old Redcliffians 3. Plate: Broad Plain 7, Avonmouth 33, Frampton Cotterell 12, Imperial 3, North Bristol 5, Thornbury 21, Old Culverhaysians 21, Longlevens 5, St Bernadette's Old Boys 17, Corsham Park 6, Wellscombe 46, Totnes 12. Bass Cornwall Cup: Semi-final: Camborne 3, Redruth 12.

NORTH: Yorkshire Shield: Semi-final: Doncaster 6, Bradford Salem 0. Yorkshire Cup: First round: Bradford and Bingley 31, Halifax 10, Bramley 5, Roundhegans 32, Keighley 21, Beverley 0, North Ribblesdale 10, Driffield 14, Old Brodleians 3, Pontefract 3, Old Otleyians 13, Hull Ionians 20, Otley 45, Redcar 3, Ripon 10, Leeds 23, Rotherham 31, Huddersfield 15, Sandal 39, Hornsworth 8, Selby 0, Bridlington 12, Sheffield 34, West Park Bramhope 12, Thornensians 11, Sheffield Oaks 3, Iorr 30, Hull 8.

Cup gates slammed shut on St Peter's

ST PETER'S, the team that had caused the biggest upset in the history of the competition by beating Cardiff in the previous round, lost at home to Bonymaen, a fellow third-division side, in the sixth round of the Swalec Cup on Saturday.

Simon Morris, the Bonymaen full back, kicked five penalties to dash hopes of further progress by St Peter's, who scored the game's only try, by Steve Matthews, and led 10-3 at the interval. But it was the Swansea-based side which dominated the second half, with their former Wales outside half, Malcolm Dacey, dictating the play.

Swansea were 27-11 winners over **South Wales Police**, Aled Williams kicking 12 points to add to tries by David Weatherley, Ian Davies and Jason Ball. Stand-off half, Richard Marshall, was responsible for all the home side"s points.

There were 15 points from Luc Evans in **Bridgend's** 41-0 win over **Llandovery**, including one of his side's five tries, while Paul Thorburn, the former Wales captain and full back, also scored 15 points in **Neath's** 30-7 defeat of non-league, **Talywain**.

A superior try count earned **Cross Keys** a place in the quarter-finals after a 10-10 draw at **Dunvant**, the runaway leaders of the second division. All the points came in the first half, with Paul Morris crossing for a home try and Eugene Glastonbury and Shaun Marshall scoring for the visitors. Late in the game Keys ignored a simple penalty in front of the posts in an attempt to score a third try.

Newport gained a 27-11 victory over fourth-division **Cardiff Quins**, with Jason Williams, the Wales Under-21 stand-off, kicking four penalties.

Despite fielding 11 internationals, **Bath** were beaten 27-17 by **Cardiff** in a club fixture at the Arms Park made possible by the surprise dismissal of both clubs from their domestic cup competitions.

Hitchin make light of ten-point deficit

THERE will be a plague of hedgehogs in the Twickenham area on April 3. No, not the latest long-range forecast from the London Weather Centre or even an innovative ploy by the powers-that-be at headquarters to repel rugby league scouts; simply the result of Hitchin reaching the Provincial Insurance Cup final (Barry Trowbridge writes).

Hedgehogs (man-made, of course), the club motif, were out in force at Nuneaton on Saturday, when Hitchin beat **Kidderminster Carolians** 19-10, but spent most of the afternoon contemplating a return to hibernation in Hertfordshire, for the side was pinned down for long periods.

Cecil Lee, the Hitchin full back, fumbled so many high balls that he must have had concerns about catching the coach home. But Kidderminster could not capitalise and saw a 10-0 lead after 20 minutes reduced by a converted try just before the break.

The scorer, Vince Donnelly on the right wing, ran 75 metres to notch a second, under the posts, on the hour, and in the final minute Rawlings Simon, the left wing who had sent Donnelly on his run, crashed over from 15 metres to tie things up.

From the stand, it appeared that Hitchin could not have complained had either, or both, of the second-half tries been disallowed for handling errors, but Kidderminster knew they had only themselves to blame for defeat.

In the other semi-final, at Moseley, a disturbance in the crowd caused the game to be suspended for five minutes midway through the second half, but by then **Fleetwood** were well on their way to beating **Tredworth** 24-5.

Steve Burnage kicked two penalty goals in a balanced first half, but with the wind behind them in the second Fleetwood opened up and the result was never in doubt. Paul Seed and Mark Wilkinson, the wings, collected tries; Burnage converted one and kicked two more penalty goals.

Upson keeps National options open for progressive Zeta's Lad

Party Politics back on Aintree trail

By George Rae

A WEEK may be a long time in politics, but to Party Politics it was the seven and a half minutes he took to win the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock on Saturday which have revived his career.

After having failed to complete his only two previous starts this season, last year's Martell Grand National winner has put himself firmly back in the running to complete an Aintree double last achieved by Red Rum in 1973 and 1974.

Ladbrokes have sliced him to 14-1 from 33-1 on the strength of a victory which vindicated trainer Nick Gaselee's faith in his charge.

Prior to the race, Gaselee had exhorted anyone who would listen to take the 33-1 about Party Politics for the National, which proved notably prescient advice.

The difference in the nine-year-old's form has been wrought by him being tubed, an operation to improve his breathing, about a month ago.

Party Politics will now go straight to Aintree, where he has 11st 2lb, and, given good ground, Gaselee is confident of another bold showing.

The Racing Post Chase at Kempton also offered Grand National clues, but the implications of Zeta's Lad's impressive victory have been obscured by trainer John Upson's reluctance to commit the ten-year-old to Aintree.

Although Ladbrokes have installed Zeta's Lad as 8-1 favourite "with a run", Upson is first keen to assess the progress of fellow National entrant Nick The Brief.

"I won't be deciding anything until after Cheltenham," Upson said yesterday. "But if both horses are going equally well, Nick The Brief will be my Grand National horse."

Nick The Brief has had just two runs this term and disappointed in Ireland last month. "He has not been sick, more off-colour, but I know the horse well and over the past week he has shown signs of coming back to his best. He will run in the Kim Muir at the festival and we'll take it from there."

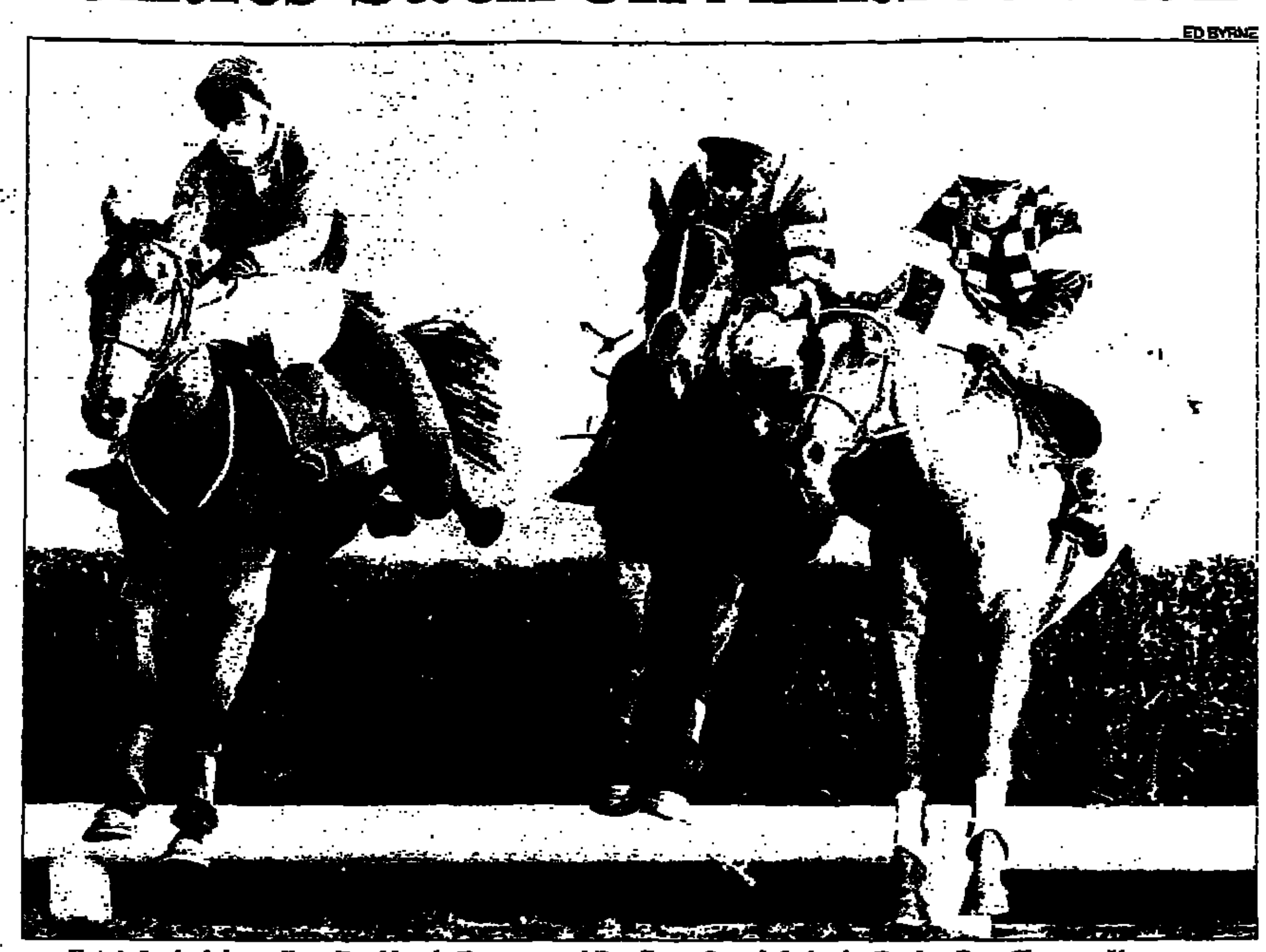
Zeta's Lad also has Cheltenham on his agenda. He will attempt a sixth consecutive success in the Ritz Club Chase and then Upson will plot a route either to Aintree or the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse.

Romany King, 15 lengths behind Zeta's Lad in seventh, remains 10-1 favourite for the National with Corals, but both William Hill and Ladbrokes have pushed him out to 12-1.

On the Gold Cup front, Docklands Express's magnificent second under top weight to Zeta's Lad confirmed that he is back to his best. "He has always been a spring horse and if the ground stays good for Cheltenham he will run a big race," Kim Bailey, his trainer, said. Ladbrokes offer 16-1, from 33-1, while Corals have him at 25-1.

However, the luckless Blazing Walker's Gold Cup hopes evaporated in the wake of another injury. He was struck into when finishing sixth, has a swollen leg and definitely misses Cheltenham.

ED BYRNE



Zeta's Lad, right, collars Docklands Express and Bradbury Star, left, in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Qualitair Rhythm
(2.10 Southwell)
Next best: Lock Keeper
(3.40 Southwell)

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	£1 level stake
M Pipe	133	74	65	1	-19.56
D Nicholson	79	52	31	1	+163.76
G Richards	69	44	34	1	-42.92
Mrs M Reveley	68	38	32	3	-30.72
N Twiston-Davies	47	31	24	3	+33.10
Jimmy Fitzgerald	45	38	28	1	-8.08

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	£1 level stake
R Dunwoody	129	86	67	0	-48.37
P Scudamore	109	58	40	0	-2.72
P Niven	78	41	29	3	+80.46
A Maguire	78	81	61	3	-25.51
J Osborne	61	44	45	2	-35.51
G McCourt	50	43	45	3	-29.37

Two inspections

Today's National Hunt meetings at Leicester and Plumpton are subject to 7.30am inspections, a heavy overnight frost having been forecast for both courses. No problems are reported for Southwell's all-weather Flat programme.

Dunwoody enjoys valuable victory

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Dublin

RICHARD Dunwoody enjoyed a profitable Irish trip yesterday when Flashing Steel, trained by John Mulhern, ran out an easy winner of the Ir£10,000 EBF Novice Chase Series Final at Fairyhouse.

The withdrawal of Allezmoss, the fall five fences out of second favourite Dysart Lass and the exit two fences later of narrow leader Solar Symphony combined to make Dunwoody's task easier, Flashing Steel winning by 15 lengths from stable companion Buckboard Bounce at odds of 2-1 on.

Disputation paid the Cheltenham-bound Bucks-Choice a compliment when winning the 29-runner Tolka River Maiden Hurdle by nine lengths from Heroic Myth. The winner had finished the same distance behind Bucks-Choice at Punchestown eight days ago.

Classical Charm was ruled out of the Queen Mother Champion Chase after being beaten 20 lengths by Galevilla Express in the EBF Nas Na Ri Chase at Naas on Saturday.

The stewards ordered samples to be taken for analysis after a post-race examination showed the favourite to be "distressed". However, Classical Charm was yesterday found to have a lung infection.

The Victor Bowens-trained winner will now be allowed to take her chance in the Arkle Trophy.

Eyelid did best of the three Champion Hurdle entries in the Robertstown Handicap Hurdle but a gamble on him from 7-2 to 9-4 was upset by the Jim Bolger-trained Assuring.

My Mellow Man eclipses Cumings

JOANNE Cumings rode her first treble at the Mendip Farmers on Saturday but the greatest ovation greeted the victory of Bill Gooden's My Mellow Man in the members (Brian Beel writes).

My Mellow Man is usually ridden by his daughter, Jennifer Litston, who is making slow progress from her horrific fall last week. On this occasion My Mellow Man was ridden by Justin Farthing.

Michael Miller, deputising for the injured Robert Alner, did nothing wrong when Mr Murdock, who did not jump fluently, was beaten into third by Timlyn (Andrew Kelway) in the open. Alner, however, will have been delighted that his daughter, Louise, won for the second time this season when Ponteus Pilate took the confined.

Let Me Think, on whom Candy Thomas was injured when unseated last week, fell at the sixth in the ladies' open at the North Herefordshire but the deputising Pip Nash walked away unscathed. Stephen's Pet, ridden by Alison Dare, ran out an unconvincing winner after jumping persistently right.

The Berwickshire, Pembrokeshire and Sinnington were abandoned.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

ARMY (Tweseldown) Saddle Club 1, North Wold Park (C Ward-Thomas, 12-1), 2, Scrumpy Country, 3, Arctic Paddy. 4 ran. Ladies. 1, Daybrook's Gift (Miss N Allan, 8-1); 2, Military Two Step, 3, Phelioff. 15 ran. Land Rover Open. 1, Easter Frolic (R Sweeting, 8-1), 2, Gaelic Cherry, 3, Yeoman Cricketer. 3 ran. Conf. 1, Cool It A Bit (P Scouller, 4-1), 2, Darton Ri, 3, Heron's Rock. 10 ran. Open mdn I 1, Viceroy Of India (M Batters, 7-2), 2, Raise Memories, 3, Keep On Trying. 16 ran. Rest I 1, Cape Cottage (M Portman, 7-2), 2, Bright Burns, 3, Penult. 13 ran. Open mdn II 1, Zorro's Mark (J Dufosee, 20-1) 2, Baron Mana, 3, Hale's Melody. 13 ran. Rest II 1, Anurag (J Trice-Rolph, 5-4 fav), 2, Touch Control, 3, Bishop's Blaze. 10 ran.

BOLVENTOR HARRIERS (Lemalla) Hunt: 1, Sweet On Willie (Miss M Turner, 11-8 fav); 2, Kingsmill Imp, 3, Ballyshell. 6 ran. Rest I 1, Rathmichael (W G Turner, 9-4 fav); 2, Little Might, 3, Electress. 11 ran. Rest II 1, More Manners (N Moore, 8-1), 2, Stoke Hand, 3, Kenston Pride. 9 ran. Taittinger Ladies: 1, For A Lark (Miss M Turner, 1-3 fav), 2, Searcher, 3, Rodeo Season. 9 ran. Open 1, Yahoo (B Heffernan, 5-2), 2, Confused Express, 3, Oriental Plume. 8 ran. Conf 1, Tranquil Waters (B Heffernan, 5-1), 2, Intec, 3, Prince Soloman. 19 ran. Mdn I 1, The General's Drum (K Heard, 7-4 jt-fav), 2, Moorland Abbot, 3, Dunphys Handful. 11 ran. Mdn II 1, Kings Reward (R Cole, 10-1); 2, Holly Fare, 3, Conway Flyer. 11 ran.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (Cottenham) Hunt: 1, South Sunrise (Miss M Seward, 7-2); 2, Suny Sorell; 3, Four Eights. 10 ran. Conf 1, Cherryhill Beauty (M Gingell, 4-1); 2, Foxy Games, 3, Cockstown Lad. 12 ran. Open 1, Carl's Choice (G Cooper, 2-5 fav); 2, Gee-A; 3, Jaaez. 10 ran. Ladies. 1, Cardinal Ralph (Miss A Embiricos, 9-2), 2, Carver Lad; 3, Why Ever Not. 10 ran. Rest I 1, Cardinal Richelieu (W Sporborg, 5-1); 2, Paylins, 3, Horace. 14 ran. Rest II. 1, Swooping (A Hill, 4-1 jt-fav), 2, Beach Tiger, 3, Master Smoke. 15 ran. Mdn I 1, Dovedons Grace (N Bloom, 20-1); 2, Scott Elliott; 3, Wayward Quay. 18 ran. Mdn II. 1, Panzal (A Hill, 5-1), 2, Hurricane Gilbert, 3, Billhead. 16 ran.

COTTESMORE (Garthorpe) Natural Country Members. 1, Surajy (Maj M Watson, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Bob Geldof; 3, Ernie The Milk. 10 ran. Conf 1, Evercone (J Woodward, 7-1), 2, Cloney Grange; 3, Oh Why. 14 ran. Taittinger Ladies 1, Money From America (Mrs P Adams, 5-1), 2, Tokanda, 3, Barrgemma. 9 ran. Open 1, Rose-Lane (J Greenall, 1-3 fav), 2, The Throw, 3, Decent Gold. 8 ran. Rest 1, Stafold Pam (M Hewitt, 20-1), 2, Kilfinny Cross, 3, Ballyvoyle Bay. 9 ran. Mdn 1, Peel Forest (C Mulington, 4-11), 2, Antree Oats. Only 2 finished. 9 ran. Hunt: 1, Fiction Writer (R Walker, 7-1), 2, Teacake, 3, Stately Viking. 7 ran.

MENDIP FARMERS (Castle Of Comfort) Open mdn I 1, Fellow Countryman (Miss J Cumings, 9-4 fav), 2, Island Forest, 3, J B Lad. 15 ran. Open mdn II 1, Vareck II (L Jefford, 3-1 fav), 2, Banton Loch, 3, Ossian Boy. 13 ran. Hunt: 1, My Mellow Man (J Farthing, 2-5 fav), 2, Bickfield, 3, Comic Line. 6 ran. Ladies 1, Staremer Lad (Miss J Cumings, 6-4 fav), 2, Smokin' Anna, 3, Alpine Song. 11 ran. Open 1, Timlyn (A Kelway, 7-2), 2, Canford Palm; 3, Mr Murdock. 15 ran. Inter I 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 2-1 jt-fav), 2, Strobe Light, 3, Captain Dimans. 16 ran. Inter II 1, Barnstone Hill (Miss P Curling, 9-4 fav); 2, Shean Deas, 3, Chocolat Blanc. 12 ran. Conf 1, Ponteus Pilot (Miss L Alner, 5-2); 2, Royal Hero, 3, Taffazani. 10 ran.

MID SURREY FARMERS (Charing). Hunt 1, Burromariner (C Gordon, 9-4), 2, Political Judge, 3, Magic Shot. 7 ran. Rest. 1, Nic Fizz (P Bull, 8-1), 2, Regal Smoke, 3, Golden Pele. 14 ran. BMW Conf 1, Linred (P Hacking, 2-1 fav), 2, Tryumphant Lad, 3, Beggarmyneighbour. 10 ran. Ladies 1, Green Tops (Miss C Holliday, 7-2), 2, Liberty Square, 3, Durbo. 12 ran. Open: 1, Crazy River (T McCarthy, 5-2), 2, The Lager Lout, 3, Profligate. 9 ran. Open mdn I, 1, Yeoman Farmer (P Hacking, 5-2 fav), 2, Khartoum Flyer, 3, Major Neave. 13 ran. Open mdn II: 1, Number Cruncher (C Gordon, 9-2), 2, Le Moulin; 3, Eastern Evening. 11 ran.

NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE (Newtown) Hunt. 1, Ah-Rule (Miss H McCaull, 2-5 fav); 2, Butterley Boy; 3, Thefriendlybarber. 8 ran. BMW Conf I 1, Well Delayed (L Sanders, 3-1 fav); 2, Co-Tack, 3, Northern Quay. 17 ran. Open I 1, Ancelle (T Stephenson, 7-4 fav); 2, Gentleman's Jig; 3, May Over. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dare, 1-2 fav), 2, Mister Gebo, 3, Spartan City. 11 ran. Rest I 1, Just Perkins (Miss L Fellows, 10-1), 2, Ring Sam; 3, Pensham's Pride. 16 ran. Mdn I: 1, Fight Again (Miss J Bunn, 8-1), 2, Conor; 3, Sagaro Sun. 21 ran. BMW Conf II 1, Blue Cheek (N Bradley, 4-5 fav) 2, Ballyneety; 3, Montys Gunner. 15 ran. Open II 1, Queensway Boy (N Bradley, 7-4), 2, Al Shamikh, 3, Corston Springs. 9 ran. Rest II 1, Pont De Paix (C J B Barlow, 3-1), 2, Homer's Nod; 3, Foxgrove. 18 ran. Mdn II 1, Hills Little One (T Stephenson, 7-1), 2, Roscoes Dinky; 3, Bainbrook Boy. 19 ran. Rest III 1, Kellys Pal (Julian Pritchard, 2-1 fav); 2, Stanford Boy, 3, Royal Upham. 21 ran.

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THUNDERER

2.10 Qualitair Rhythm. 2.40 Farm Street. 3.10 Nikki Noo Noo. 3.40 Karamoja. 4.10 Soloman Springs. 4.40 QUATRE FEMME (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 ANNACURRAGH.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 PINT AND CIGAR APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,427: 2m) (9 runners)

1 (9) 40/400-6 MASTER FOODBROKER 18J (B,G) W Musson 5-10-0 D McCabe (5) 98
2 (6) 91215-2 QUALITAIR RHYTHM 28 (CD,G,S) (R Newson) I Campbell 5-9-5 G Mitchell (3) 92
3 (3) 5660-21 MR POPPLETON 14 (C) (S A Management Ltd) D Arbuthnot 4-9-3 J Weaver 91
4 (2) 310242 BEDOUIN PRINCE 14 (B,C) (Miss J Toulson) B Richmond 6-8-0 Stephen Davies 93
5 (3) 400-502 SOUL TRADER 10 (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs A Knight 4-8-4 F Norton 92
6 (4) 004-245 LAFKADIO 14 (B,C,D,F) (R Papworth) M Chapman 6-8-3 O Pears [illegible]
7 (1) 06-3140 KOVALEVSKIA 4 (CD,F,G,S) (D Wilson) D Wilson 8-8-1 A Tucker 98
8 (5) 0/000-3 DANCING DAYS 12J (B,G) (R Flegg) J Parkes 7-7-10 M Humphries 91
9 (7) 040-446 ELIZA WOODING 17 (V,F) (C Hill) C Hill 5-7-8 D Wright 90

BETTING: 5-2 Qualitair Rhythm, 3-1 Mr Poppleton, 5-1 Bedouin Prince, 7-1 Dancing Days, 8-1 Eliza Wooding, 10-1 Soul Trader, 12-1 Kovalevskia, Lafkadio, 16-1 Master Foodbroker.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

MASTER FOODBROKER 18¾l 6th of 10 to Tempering in claimer over course and distance. QUALITAIR RHYTHM 2l 2nd of 9 to Horizon in handicap here (1m 4f). MR POPPLETON beat Mutawih 5l in 8-runner maiden here (1m 4f). BEDOUIN PRINCE 7l 2nd of 10 to Coleridge in handicap over course and distance with KOVALEVSKIA (3lb better off) 8½l 4th and LAFKADIO (3lb better off) 15l 5th. SOUL TRADER 1½l 2nd of 4 to Karamoja in claimer over course and distance. DANCING DAYS 3½l 3rd of 10 to Atlantic Way in handicap here (1m 6f). Finished 7l 3rd of 7 to Cosmic Dancer in handicap hurdle here (2m 6f) two weeks ago. ELIZA WOODING 7¼l 4th of 12 to Tempering in claimer here (1m 4f).
Selection: DANCING DAYS

2.40 OWNERS AND TRAINERS BAR CLAIMING STAKES (£2,574: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (13) 05 THE TONDY 7 (G Allison) N Bycroft 5-9-1 D Nicholls –
2 (15) 55215-0 TURTLE BEACH 9 (V,CD) (Felstead Racing Club Ltd) C C Elsey 4-8-12 W Newnes 94
3 (10) 000-060 CAL'S BOY 24 (G Hamilton) J Smith 4-8-9 R Lappin –
4 (12) 050-023 POP TO STANS 10 (B,CD,F) (D Maden) J Pearce 4-8-9 G Bardwell 96
5 (3) 000/0-21 FARM STREET 14 (CD,G,S) (R Russell) C Broad 6-8-7 B Russell (7) 95
6 (14) 000-650 MAHZOOZ 10 (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-8-7 J McLaughlin –
7 (1) 620-000 MORPICK 7 (V,C) (H Pickering) J Leigh 6-8-7 Stephen Davies (5) –
8 (9) 0/233/0 LILY'S LOVER 58 (D,G) (P Hiatt) D Burchell 7-8-5 L Charnock 78
9 (6) 30/000-0 TIBBY HEAD 10 (B) (P Short) J Mackie 5-8-5 G Carter –
10 (16) 5320-30 CLAUDIA MISS 45 (D,S) (G Wootton) W Haigh 6-8-4 Dean McKeown [illegible]
11 (7) 151100- ROSE GEM 202 (D,F,G) (B O'Leary) R O'Leary 4-8-4 Dale Gibson 92
12 (11) 50260-1 SILKY SIREN 10 (B,C) (S Nixon) M Pipe 4-8-4 J Quinn 96
13 (5) 042620- MOST SURPRISING 123J (F) (Mrs D Baugh) W Clay 4-8-3 M Humphries (7) 86
14 (4) 35/103 RABA 10 (C,G) (Mrs V O'Leary) R O'Leary 5-8-0 F Norton (5) 97
15 (8) 03500/0 KACHINA MAID 10 (D,F) (Gamebak Racing) Mrs A Knight 8-7-12 S Wood –
16 (2) 004000- WEEKEND GIRL 40J (D Jones) W Brisbourne 4-7-10 N Adams 74

BETTING: 5-2 Silky Siren, 3-1 Farm Street, 6-1 Raba, Pop To Stans, 8-1 Claudia Miss, 10-1 Turtle Beach, 14-1 Most Surprising, Rose Gem, 20-1 Morpick, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

THE TONDY 10l 5th of 10 to Hershebar in maiden here (6f). POP TO STANS 3l 2nd of 4 to Lock Keeper in claimer over course and distance on penultimate start. FARM STREET beat Try Leguard 1½l in 11-runner claimer over course and distance with THE TONDY (19lb better off) 47l 10th. LILY'S LOVER 12l 8th of 16 to Tacit Mac in handicap here (1m). CLAUDIA MISS neck 2nd of 8 to Prima Mover in handicap over course and distance on penultimate start. ROSE GEM beat Straw Thatch 3l in 3-runner Ayr (7f, good) handicap in July. SILKY SIREN beat Juvenara 4l in 8-runner claimer here (1m) with POP TO STANS (10lb better off) 1½l 3rd and KACHINA MAID (9lb better off) 36l 8th. RABA 9l 3rd of 9 to Round By The River in claimer here (1m) with MAHZOOZ (same terms) 12l 7th and TIBBY HEAD (1lb worse off) 4l 8th.
Selection: SILKY SIREN

3.10 TATT'S 2000 BAR HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,343: 7f) (8 runners)

1 (8) 0-154 DIAMOND LUCY 11 (B) (S Foston) W O'Gorman 9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) [illegible]
2 (7) 450060- FORMAESTRE 152 (B) (S Norton) S Norton 9-5 J Tate (7) 90
3 (6) 600-441 DON'T BE SAKI 10 (CD) (R Thompson) R Thompson 9-5 O Pears (5) 91
4 (5) 131221 NIKKI NOO NOO 17 (CD,F) (C Hill) C Hill 9-5 J Quinn 98
5 (3) 054-822 JORDYWRATH 21 (G) (M Long) R Spicer 9-4 J McLaughlin 94
6 (2) 314342 ROSE FLYER 7 (CD) (A Packaging Ltd) M Chapman 9-2 D McCabe (7) 94
7 (1) 5003-01 STEVIE'S WONDER 16 (T Mills) T Mills 8-13 T Quinn 95
8 (4) 06-032 PYTCHLEY DAWN 14 (J Higgins) D Morris 8-11 Stephen Davies (5) 93

BETTING: 3-1 Nikki Noo Noo, 7-2 Pytchley Dawn, 4-1 Rose Flyer, 6-1 Stevie's Wonder, 8-1 Don't Be Saki, Jordywrath, 10-1 Diamond Lucy, 25-1 Formaestre.

FORM FOCUS

DIAMOND LUCY 12l last of 4 to Broughtons Formula in Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) handicap. DON'T BE SAKI beat Green's Fair neck in maiden over course and distance. NIKKI NOO NOO beat Glowing Path ½l in claimer here (1m). JORDYWRATH 1½l 2nd of 6 to Pine Ridge Lad in handicap over course and distance with ROSE FLYER (5lb better off) 2¾l 3rd. ROSE FLYER 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Brackenthwaite in handicap here (1m). STEVIE'S WONDER beat Waterford 1l in 4-runner handicap here (1m). PYTCHLEY DAWN short-head 2nd of 7 to Pine Ridge Lad in handicap over course and distance with ROSE FLYER (4lb better off) 9¼l 4th.
Selection: PYTCHLEY DAWN

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 SADDLE BAR CLAIMING STAKES (£2,448: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 (5) 315122 LOCK KEEPER 7 (C) (C Hill) C Hill 7-9-1 J Quinn 95
2 (10) 1200/5 RED INDIAN 21 (G) (D Marshall) W Haigh 7-9-1 Dean McKeown –
3 (2) 64 MON PETITNAMOUR 41 (S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-13 W Ryan 80
4 (9) 121583 ATLANTIC WAY 14 (CD,F) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-8 G Bardwell 89
5 (3) 3034-31 KARAMOJA 10 (C,S) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-8-8 T Quinn 97
6 (11) 2315-31 ANNACURRAGH 35 (CD) (Mrs B Key) C Smith 4-8-7 G Carter [illegible]
7 (7) 500-000 MAI PEN-RAI 21 (F,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-8-7 N Adams 73
8 (8) 12-0082 LA REINE ROUGE 10 (D) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 5-8-6 F Norton (5) 75
9 (12) 5 MISS LAWN 14 (Mrs H Levy) D Burchell 5-8-6 Stephen Davies (5) –
10 (1) 000000- I'M CURIOUS 103J (Mrs M Thompson) R Thompson 4-8-2 B Russell (7) –
11 (6) 60-3651 SOL ROUGE 17 (CD) (R Thompson) R Thompson 4-8-2 Nicola Howarth (7) 77
12 (4) 206250- ACE REPORTER 119 (G Alessi) B Beasley 4-7-13 L Charnock 89

BETTING: 3-1 Annacurragh, 4-1 Karamoja, 5-1 Lock Keeper, 8-1 Ace Reporter, Atlantic Way, 10-1 Sol Rouge, 12-1 La Reine Rouge, 14-1 Miss Lawn, Mon Petitnamour, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

LOCK KEEPER 6l 2nd of 8 to Tempering in claimer over course and distance. MON PETITNAMOUR 4¾l 4th of 9 to Eastleigh in Lingfield (1m, AW) claimer. ATLANTIC WAY 15l 3rd of 10 to Coleridge in handicap here (2m). KARAMOJA beat Soul Trader 1½l in 4-runner claimer here (2m). ANNACURRAGH beat Baher 1½l in 6-runner claimer over course and distance with KARAMOJA (10lb better off) 12l 3rd. LA REINE ROUGE 4l 2nd of 6 to Sugemar in apprentices handicap over course and distance. SOL ROUGE beat Amour Royal 2l in 9-runner claimer over course and distance.
Selection: ANNACURRAGH

4.10 MEMBERS BAR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 (9) 053 BARSAL 17 (B Hughes) J Parkes 9-0 Alex Greaves 95
2 (4) CAROJANGO (G Lederman) M Bell 9-0 M Hills –
3 (3) 0-0 NOBLE MEASURE 7 (B) (J Doxey) S Bowring 9-0 S Webster –
4 (6) 2224- SOLOMAN SPRINGS 133 (M Turner) S Norton 9-0 O Pears (5) 98
5 (7) 04000- TURFMANS VISION 128 (Miss S Boston) R Hollinshead 9-0 W Ryan 92
6 (5) 450-00 FREE DANCER 25 (Mrs V Hayward) R Brotherton 8-9 T Williams 79
7 (8) 4-66205 HUSH BABY 4 (J Peters) C Allen 8-9 D Wright (7) 89
8 (2) 340-08 MOUNTAIN WILLOW 24 (V) (Lord Halifax) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 Dean McKeown [illegible]
9 (1) 000-6 PERSIAN STAR 41 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 8-8 T Quinn –

BETTING: 9-4 Mountain Willow, 5-2 Soloman Springs, 4-1 Carojango, 8-1 Barsal, Hush Baby, 12-1 Persian Star, 20-1 Turfmans Vision, 33-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BARSAL ¾l 3rd of 9 to Nikki Noo Noo in claimer here (1m). NOBLE MEASURE 23l 8th of 9 to Kingston Brown in maiden here (1m). SOLOMAN SPRINGS 7l 4th of 13 to Frescade in Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden. FREE DANCER 25l 7th of 11 to Arctic Guest in Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) handicap. HUSH BABY 8¾l 5th of 6 to Brackenthwaite in Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) handicap. Earlier 1½l 2nd of 8 to High Summer in Lingfield (1m 2f, AW) maiden with PERSIAN STAR (same terms) 17¾l 6th. MOUNTAIN WILLOW well-beaten 9th of 20 to Fay Way in Cagnes-Sur-Mer (1m 2f, good) stakes race.
Selection: HUSH BABY

4.40 PADDOCK BAR HANDICAP (£2,364: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (7) 500/616- SLADES HILL 305 (D,F,G) (J Greaves) T Barron 6-10-0 Alex Greaves 88
2 (8) 43-0104 LINCSTONE BOY 14 (B,C,D,F,S) (Mrs J Addleshaw) S Bowring 5-9-10 S Webster 94
3 (1) 0-23192 EWALD 4 (D) (D Scullion) M Johnston 5-9-9 Dean McKeown 92
4 (5) 032331 QUATRE FEMME 7 (C,F) (C Hill) C Hill 6-9-9 (7ex) Stephen Davies (5) 98
5 (6) 00000/8 MISS EL ARAB 21 (V,D,F,G) (M Graham) E Alston 5-9-4 F Norton (3) –
6 (3) 300-000 ARC LAMP 10 (CD,F,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 7-9-1 S D Williams (3) 91
7 (9) 5-06524 STRIP CARTOON 7 (B,C,BF,S) (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 5-9-0 B Russell (7) 97
8 (4) 314324 COMET WHIRLPOOL 11 (B,C) (C Anderson) Pat Mitchell 3-8-9 J Quinn [illegible]
9 (10) 0006-05 MARIETTE LARKIN 10 (The Larkin Partnership) J Hetherton 4-8-8 J Fanning 83
10 (2) 008305 COMISKEY PARK 7 (B) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-7-13 S Wood 90
11 (11) 0000-0p LONG LAST 14 (Miss N Thesiger) D Chapman 4-7-8 G Bardwell –

BETTING: 11-4 Ewald, 7-2 Quatre Femme, 5-1 Comet Whirlpool, 6-1 Strip Cartoon, 7-1 Lincstone Boy, 10-1 Slades Hill, 12-1 Arc Lamp, Comiskey Park, 16-1 Mariette Larkin, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SLADES HILL beat The Noble Oak head in 20-runner Thirsk (5f, good) handicap last April with STRIP CARTOON (12lb better off) 4l 3rd. EWALD head 2nd of 8 to Creche in Lingfield (5f, AW) handicap. Previously 1¾l 3rd of 7 to Serious Hurry in Lingfield (5f, AW) handicap with COMET WHIRLPOOL (2lb worse off) ¾l 4th. QUATRE FEMME beat Lord Naska ¾l in 9-runner handicap here (6f) with STRIP CARTOON (3lb better off) 3l 4th. STRIP CARTOON neck 2nd of 11 to Last Straw in handicap over course and distance on penultimate start with LINCSTONE BOY (5lb better off) 2¾l 4th and LONG LAST (12lb better off) 8l 11th. COMET WHIRLPOOL 1l 2nd of 8 to Daaniera in Lingfield (5f, AW) handicap on penultimate start. COMISKEY PARK 6¾l 5th of 9 to Dream Carrier in handicap here (7f).
Selection: EWALD (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	7	25	28.0	Alex Greaves	59	241	24.5
D Wilson	5	19	26.3	J McLaughlin	6	28	21.4
R Spicer	7	29	24.1	D McCabe	4	21	19.0
T Barron	61	266	22.9	Emma O'Gorman	30	173	17.3
Lord Huntingdon	10	45	22.2	O Pears	7	42	16.7
W O'Gorman	36	171	21.1	D Biggs	21	147	14.3

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: good

1.55 (2m hdle) 1, Roll A Dollar (G Moore, 6-1); 2, Winter Squall (15-8 fav); 3, Cabochon (13-2). 9 ran. 3l, 2½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £6.20; £1.60, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £7.70. CSF: £16.19.

2.25 (2m ch) 1, Emsee-H (A Maguire, 10-1); 2, Cyphrate (5-6 fav); 3, Setter Country (20-1). 4 ran. ½l, ¾l. F Murphy. Tote: £6.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £18.02.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Amazon Express (J Osborne, 12-1); 2, Top Spin (8-1); 3, Eden's Close (8-1). Ivor's Flutter 7-2 fav. 12 ran. Nk, 12l. R Akehurst. Tote: £13.10; £2.90, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £82.90. Trio: £128.00. CSF £95.45.

3.35 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Snitton Lane (R Dunwoody, 15-8), 2, Atlaal (6-4 fav), 3, Nathir (14-1). 4 ran. NR: Richville. 5l, dist. J Edwards. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.66.

4.10 (3m ch) 1, Zeta's Lad (J White, 11-1), 2, Docklands Express (20-1); 3, Bradbury Star (11-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Wilsford. 1½l, nk. J Upson. Tote: £10.80; £3.00, £5.70, £1.80. DF: £91.00. Trio: £212.40. CSF: £178.11. Tricast: £700.33.

4.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Baydon Star (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2, Grace Card (100-30); 3, Sayyure (14-1). 4 ran. 30l, dist. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.98.

5.10 (2m flat) 1, Rutland Gate (J Ryan, 12-1); 2, Southolt (20-1); 3, Two John's (10-1). Musical Trend 5-2 fav. 22 ran. 5l, 2½l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £27.70; £5.90, £6.50, £2.60. DF: £2,364.60. CSF: £243.90.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,435.15 carried forward to Newbury on Friday).
Placepot: £8,862.20.

Haydock Park

1.00 1, Bold Boss (7-2); 2, Glasdale (3-1); 3, Stylus (4-1). Mohana 5-2 fav. 7 ran.
1.30 1, Gale Again (9-4); 2, Milford Quay (5-4 fav); 3, Carbisdale (3-1). 5 ran.
2.00 1, Party Politics (16-1); 2, Fiddlers Pike (16-1); 3, Wilsford (10-1). Otterburn House 3-1 fav. 9 ran.
2.30 1, Andrew's First (7-2 fav), 2, Mazmoor (8-1); 3, Oneupmanship (9-1). 15 ran.
3.05 1, As Du Trefle (5-4 fav); 2, Brandon Prince (2-1); 3, Linkside (20-1). 10 ran.
3.35 1, Mackinnon (9-2), 2, Winnie The Witch (4-9 fav), 3, Chase Richards (6-1). 4 ran.
4.05 1, My Rossini (33-1), 2, Texan Baby (3-1 fav); 3, Stoney Brook (33-1). 19 ran. NR: Lazzaretto.

Edinburgh

2.05 1, Rapid Mover (5-1), 2, Legibm (12-1); 3, Legion Of Honour (5-1). Tarda 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Back Before Dawn.
2.35 1, The Yank (11-10 fav); 2, Distant Cherry (14-1); 3, Regan (6-5). 5 ran.
3.10 1, Dawadar (11-10 fav); 2, Festival Fancy (85-40); 3, Set The Standards (8-1). 8 ran.
3.45 1, Dubalea (16-1); 2, Van Prince (2-1), 3, Sonsie Mo (13-8 fav). 5 ran.
4.15 1, Bartondale (9-2); 2, Noble Question (9-4 fav); 3, Ah Jim Lad (7-2). 5 ran.
4.45 1, The Green Fool (2-1 fav); 2, Whitewebb (7-1); 3, TV Pitch (5-2). 5 ran.

Market Rasen

2.15 1, Full O'Praise (5-1); 2, Favoured Victor (13-8 fav); 3, Tina's Missile (33-1). 11 ran.
2.45 1, Rustic Air (2-1); 2, The Lighter Side (14-1); 3, No More Trix (8-13 fav). 6 ran.
3.20 1, Seagull Hollow (8-11 fav); 2, Delta Foxtrot (20-1); 3, Free Transfer (9-1). 5 ran.
3.50 1, Decent Man (6-1); 2, Fighting Jessica (10-1); 3, Smooth Escort (5-1). Just Moss Evens fav. 7 ran.
4.25 1, Desert Mist (6-4 fav); 2, Soul Agreement (14-1), 3, Another Nick (5-1). 7 ran.
□ Rest of meeting abandoned — snow

Lingfield Park

2.10 1, Purbeck Centenary (5-2); 2, Scorcher (20-1); 3, Good Image (20-1). Quelque Chose 5-4 fav. 7 ran.
2.40 1†, Creche (7-2); 1† Little Saboteur (11-8 fav); 3, Another Episode (6-4). 4 ran.
3.10 1, Spencer's Revenge (2-1 fav); 2, Cheveux Mitchell (12-1); 3, Invocation (9-2). 7 ran.
3.40 1, Spender (16-1); 2, Love Legend (7-2 fav); 3, Sir Tasker (6-1). 10 ran.
4.10 1, Native Chieftan (16-1), 2, Gold Blade (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Lowawatha (13-2). Albert 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Thundering.
4.40 1, Sword Master (9-2); 2, Awesome Power (15-8 fav); 3, Bookcase (10-1). 7 ran.

□ The Gordon Richards-trained Twin Oaks faces retirement after being pulled up with a tendon injury in the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock on Saturday.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.00 Fight To Win. 2.30 Skipping Tim. 3.00 Gay Ruffian. 3.30 Clever Shepherd. 4.00 Knight's Spur. 4.30 Macarthur.

GOING: GOOD (INSPECTION 7.30AM) SIS

2.00 EBF GREAT GLEN NOVICES CHASE (£2,854: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 4124 JIM VALENTINE 12 (D,F,S) D Wintle 7-11-8 N Williamson
2 312U VIVA BELLA 12 (B,D,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-8 J Burke (7)
3 1-31 BARRICA 14 (F,G) D Nicholson 6-11-3 R Dunwoody
4 16-1 WICKET 12 (D,S) M Wilkinson 6-11-3 C Llewellyn
5 UP3P BALLY PARSON 40 J Chugg 7-11-2 D Bridgwater
6 -PP0 BROMO 12 P Pritchard 8-11-2 R Davis (5)
7 0-0P EVENLODE 53 C Vernon Miller 9-11-2 S Earle
8 1-25 FAIR PROSPECT 77 (F,S) P Hobbs 7-11-2 Peter Hobbs
9 PP50 JOLLY ROGER 30 (F) J Hanson 6-11-2 G Bradley
10 3026 FIGHT TO WIN 18 (V,F,G) I Balding 5-10-6 J Frost
11 6042 WOODLANDS BOY 21 T Etherington 5-10-6 G McCourt

3-1 Barrica, 5-1 Wicket, 6-1 Fair Prospect, 7-1 Fight To Win, Jim Valentine, 8-1 Viva Bella, 10-1 Evenlode, 12-1 Woodlands Boy, 14-1 others.

2.30 SYSTON CLAIMING CHASE (£2,448: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 32P3 CLONROCHE DRILLER 11 Mrs S Bramall 8-11-6 J Burke (7)
2 0241 SKIPPING TIM 7 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-11-4 P Scudamore
3 50-0 K C'S DANCER 122 R Dickin 8-11-0 G McCourt
4 0346 CLARE LAD 17 (F,G,S) D Wintle 10-10-12 R Bellamy
5 PPPF KEONI 14 J Mackie 8-10-9 N Williamson

1-2 Skipping Tim, 9-2 Clonroche Driller, 7-1 K C's Dancer, 12-1 others.

3.00 RUTLAND WATER NOVICES CHASE (£4,012: 3m) (4)

1 1142 GAY RUFFIAN 10 (G,S) M Pipe 7-11-7 P Scudamore
2 2211 SUPERIOR FINISH 26 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 M Pitman
3 B-P0 MASTER TIM 100 T Forster 9-11-4 C Llewellyn
4 005U VISAGA 19 (F) D Nicholson 7-11-4 R Dunwoody

10-11 Gay Ruffian, 6-4 Superior Finish, 10-1 Visaga, 20-1 Master Tim.

3.30 DRAGON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,929: 3m) (9)

1 F336 ROCKTOR 102 (BF,F,G,S) D Barons 8-11-10 J Frost
2 3-6P RYMER KING 52 (F,G,S) J Chugg 11-11-6 N Williamson
3 F/1- SHEEPHAVEN 465 (D,G) T Etherington 9-10-13 G McCourt
4 F-3P SIR NODDY 48 (C,D,F) C Vernon Miller 10-10-13 S Earle
5 3226 CLEVER SHEPHERD 26 (D,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-12 Peter Hobbs
6 D112 DANDY MINSTREL 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-7 D Bridgwater
7 143U SIDE OF HILL 11 (C,S) M Pipe 8-10-7 M Foster
8 -63P BIRD OF SPIRIT 14 (F,G,S) M Scudamore 13-10-0 D Tegg
9 /PP WESTERN TRUCE 9 (B,D,F) J Webber 10-10-0 R Bellamy

3-1 Dandy Minstrel, 7-2 Clever Shepherd, 9-2 Side Of Hill, 6-1 Rocktor, 7-1 others.

4.00 PICKWELL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,245: 2m 1f) (7)

1 3423 HUTNER 27 (G) M Dods 8-11-10 A Merrigan
2 B23P KNIGHT'S SPUR 83 (B) J Webber 6-11-6 G McCourt
3 -600 DRAG ARTIST 14 M Scudamore 8-10-12 D Tegg
4 -05P DOXFORD HUT 79 C Bell 9-10-12 Mr S Bell (7)
5 -P2U COMMANCHERO 9 R Hodges 6-10-12 W Irvine
6 -PP5 TELL YOU WHAT 12 (F) T Casey 8-10-12 R Dunwoody
7 6-P0 WARNER FORPLEASURE 158 (B) P Hobbs 7-10-12 Peter Hobbs

5-4 Knight's Spur, 2-1 Commanchero, 5-1 Hutner, 8-1 Doxford Hut, 16-1 others.

4.30 OAKHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,660: 2m 1f) (4)

1 -124 MACARTHUR 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-12-0 M Dwyer
2 3623 CHASSO FORTE 26 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-7 B Clifford (3)
3 /5P TOAD ALONG 3 (F) J Webber 8-10-5 C Llewellyn
4 34-5 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 6 (F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 R Dunwoody

11-10 Chasso Forte, 6-4 Macarthur, 9-2 They All Forgot Me, 10-1 Toad Along

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 30 winners from 75 runners, 40.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 28 from 84, 33.3%; J Mackie, 6 from 22, 27.3%; D Nicholson, 7 from 58, 12.1%; T Forster, 3 from 25, 12.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 23 winners from 64 rides, 35.9%; M Pitman, 23 from 65, 35.4%; M Dwyer, 5 from 23, 21.7%, C Llewellyn, 7 from 45, 15.6%, R Dunwoody, 11 from 73, 15.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 2.10 Eliza Wooding. 2.40 Turtle Beach, Tibby Head. 3.10 Diamond Lucy. 4.10 Mountain Willow. 4.40 Miss El Arab

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

1.50 High Beacon. 2.20 Mel's Rose. 2.50 Pete's Sake. 3.20 Northern Village. 3.50 Roger's Pal. 4.20 Noble Ben. 4.50 Moving Out.

GOING: GOOD (INSPECTION 7.30AM) SIS

1.50 CATFORD MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,475: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 PP ALAMIR 21 N Henderson 5-11-7 R Dunwoody
2 4/P0 GEBLITZT 26 J Long 9-11-7 Leesa Long (7)
3 P0U HIGH BEACON 14 (B) K Bailey 6-11-7 J Railton
4 SCALP 'EM 147F P Evans 5-11-7 A Maguire
5 0060 THE OVERTRUMPER 3 G Roe 6-11-7 P McDermott
6 343 YIMKON BOOKRA 12 (B) W Muir 5-11-7 S McNeill
7 6U52 CLEEVELAND LADY 14 (B) W G M Turner 6-11-2 R Darke (7)
8 4U24 MAMALAMA 39 J Bridger 5-11-2 Rachel Bridger (7)
9 5 MEDIATOR 9 (B) A Moore 4-10-13 G Moore
10 06 WRIST WATCH 27 T Jones 4-10-13 H Davies
11 03 MY BOOKS ARE BEST 7 H Willis 4-10-8 D O'Sullivan (3)

7-4 Yimkon Bookra, 4-1 Mamalama, 5-1 Cleeveland Lady, High Beacon, 8-1 others.

2.20 CATFORD MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,475: 2m 1f) (11)

1 6P0 BEACH BUM 18 Mrs J Young 7-11-7 G Upton
2 3035 DUTEST 14 (B) M Pipe 6-11-7 J Lower
3 P0 FULL OF TRICKS 21 M Madgwick 5-11-7 T Grantham
4 /236 MEL'S ROSE 27 Dr J Scargill 8-11-7 R Dunwoody
5 6040 MICKEEN 14 (G) Miss H Knight 6-11-7 J Osborne
6 3650 ODILEX 16 N Gaselee 6-11-7 J Kavanagh
7 P030 OPEN SESAME 14 M Bradstock 7-11-7 P Holley
8 4PP0 CANDLE GLOW 18 Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-2 B de Haan
9 0F0 SALLY SOHAM 10 F Murphy 5-11-2 B Murphy (7)
10 THREEBUCK CREEK R Ingram 4-10-13 S Arnold (7)
11 060F UP ALL NIGHT 14 R Curtis 4-10-8 D Morris

4-5 Mel's Rose, 4-1 Dutest, Mickeen, 8-1 Odilex, 12-1 Up All Night, 20-1 others.

2.50 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,553: 3m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 PPP3 TURNBERRY DAWN 11 (D,F,S) T Hallett 11-11-10 W McFarland
2 1136 PRY'S-JOY 128 (F,G) F Murphy 9-11-9 A Maguire
3 0015 SHASTON 18 (B,D,F,S) W G M Turner 8-11-9 P Holley
4 4015 HEYFLEET 18 (B,C,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-6 M Pitman
5 -PP5 DUNRAVEN ROYAL 35 (B,F,S) R Curtis 10-11-3 D Morris
6 2-P33 PETE'S SAKE 26 (B) N Henderson 8-11-1 R Dunwoody
7 P-PR FATHER JOHN 13 (F) M Muggeridge 9-10-13 B Clifford (3)
8 0342 POPESWOOD 5 (C,S) W Wightman 10-10-8 M Perrett
9 P50U GRANNY'S PRAYER 10 (F,G,S) Miss R Palman 12-10-8 D Skyrme
10 P00/ GINGER DIP 1392 Miss N Berry 11-10-8 R Farrant (5)

9-4 Shaston, 7-2 Pete's Sake, 5-1 Heyfleet, Popeswood, Pry's Joy, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; W Wightman, 3 from 7, 42.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 14 from 35, 40.0%; R Akehurst, 23 from 62, 37.1%; D Grissell, 15 from 59, 25.4%; N Henderson, 8 from 32, 25.0%.
JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 9 winners from 23 rides, 39.1%; A Maguire, 15 from 58, 25.9%; R Dunwoody, 22 from 93, 23.7%; P McDermott, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J White, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Osborne, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

3.20 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,132: 2m 4f) (12)

1 40-43 VILLA RECOS 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 B de Haan
2 30-0 TAKE ISSUE 11 (D,G,S) R Flower 8-11-5 D Fortt (7)
3 1000 NOBLE INSIGHT 16 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0 J Lower
4 4053 SULLI BOY 11 (F) Miss B Sanders 8-10-12 A Maguire
5 4216 NORTHERN VILLAGE 23 (V,D,G) S Dow 6-10-11 H Davies
6 0-86 JINGA 63 (G) Lady Herries 8-10-6 E Murphy
7 3105 MANHATTAN BOY 21 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
8 3P46- QUAI D'ORSAY 293 (CD,F,G,S) F O'Mahony 8-10-0 R Farrant (5)
9 2-02 CLEVER DICK 9 (B,S) A Moore 8-10-0 G Moore
10 F2F6 TROJAN CALL 16 (G) R Rowe 6-10-0 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
11 1325 JOKER JACK 6 (BF,S) R Dean 8-10-0 A Procter (5)
12 PP00 LAABAS 21 (G) J Long 10-10-0 R Rowell

3-1 Sulli Boy, 5-1 Northern Village, 6-1 Noble Insight, 8-1 Clever Dick, Manhattan Boy, 10-1 Jinga, Villa Recos, 12-1 Quai D'Orsay, Take Issue, 14-1 others.

3.50 COOMES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,733: 2m 1f) (11)

1 22U0 CLOGHRAN LAD 23 (G,S) D Wintle 6-12-0 D Leahy (5)
2 -533 ROGER'S PAL 10 A Moore 6-11-12 G Moore
3 40P-0 WILLOW BLUE 12 T McGovern 6-11-8 K Comerford (7)
4 0231 KING OF NORMANDY 21 (B,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-4 A Maguire
5 4562 COURT ROOM 21 A Moore 4-11-1 J Clarke (7)
6 1643 BRIGTINA 74F (G) J Bradley 5-10-13 R Farrant (5)
7 -00P LEAH JAY 18F (B) E Wheeler 6-10-7 J White
8 P-50P LLANELLY 32 (B) G Roe 6-10-0 P McDermott
9 0P-0 BOLD SPARK 14 J Bradley 5-10-0 Mr G Lewis (7)
10 P00 SHARDRA 107 M Barraclough 4-10-0 S McNeill

3-1 Roger's Pal, 7-2 Brigtina, 4-1 Cloghran Lad, King Of Normandy, 5-1 Court Room, 16-1 Shardra, 25-1 Leah Jay, 33-1 others.

4.20 COOMES SENIOR CITIZENS NOVICES CHASE (£2,138: 2m) (9)

1 31/U1 NOBLE BEN 7 (D,G) K Bailey 9-11-10 J Railton
2 8U3- BLUE ENSIGN 349 M Muggeridge 8-11-3 R Farrant (5)
3 0 FINNEGAIS 9 P Butler 6-11-3 M Hood
4 F434 OSTURA 12 (S) J White 8-11-3 B Clifford (3)
5 405P PATS MINSTREL 32 (B,G) R Champion 8-11-3 A Maguire
6 /PP/4 RAMPALLION 114 (G,S) R Rowe 10-11-3 T Grantham
7 5/015 ROPE 26 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-3 B de Haan
8 DP06 HOT LASS 34 J Bridger 7-10-12 G Moore
9 403P KITTY BUTLER 18 P Butler 7-10-12 M Hourigan (3)

4-5 Noble Ben, 7-2 Rampallion, 6-1 Rope, 12-1 Blue Ensign, Ostura, 14-1 Pats Minstrel, 20-1 Kitty Butler, 25-1 others.

4.50 NEW CROSS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,475: 2m 4f) (11)

1 2453 HILLWALK 25 (D,G) R Curtis 7-11-8 D Morris
2 4001 MOVING OUT 7 (G) Miss H Knight 5-11-8 J Osborne
3 6-21 CARRBONS 132 (CD,G) D Grissell 6-11-3 G Rowe
4 R200 ACROSS THE CARD 26 A Moore 5-11-2 G Moore
5 6-04 CASTLE BLUE 11 N Henderson 6-11-2 R Dunwoody
6 5P0 GENERAL BRANDY 10 J Gifford 7-11-2 P Hide (5)
7 3F23 URBAN COWBOY 40 C James 6-11-2 S McNeill
8 -422 CAPPUCCINO GIRL 84 F Gray 6-10-11 M Crosse
9 4-38 LADY GWENMORE 102 R Akehurst 5-10-11 S Ryan (7)
10 5 MRS MAYHEW 10 F Murphy 5-10-11 A Maguire
11 00/ SILLY HABIT 72F H Collingridge 7-10-11 V Smith

3-1 Moving Out, 5-1 Carrbons, Hillwalk, 6-1 Castle Blue, Lady Gwenmore, 10-1 Cappuccino Girl, General Brandy, Urban Cowboy, 16-1 others.

Dunwoody chooses Flown in Champion

RICHARD Dunwoody has opted to ride Flown in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in 15 days' time, thus deserting two former champions, Morley Street and Kribensis.

Flown, impressive winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at last year's festival, gained his first victory since then at Fontwell last Monday.

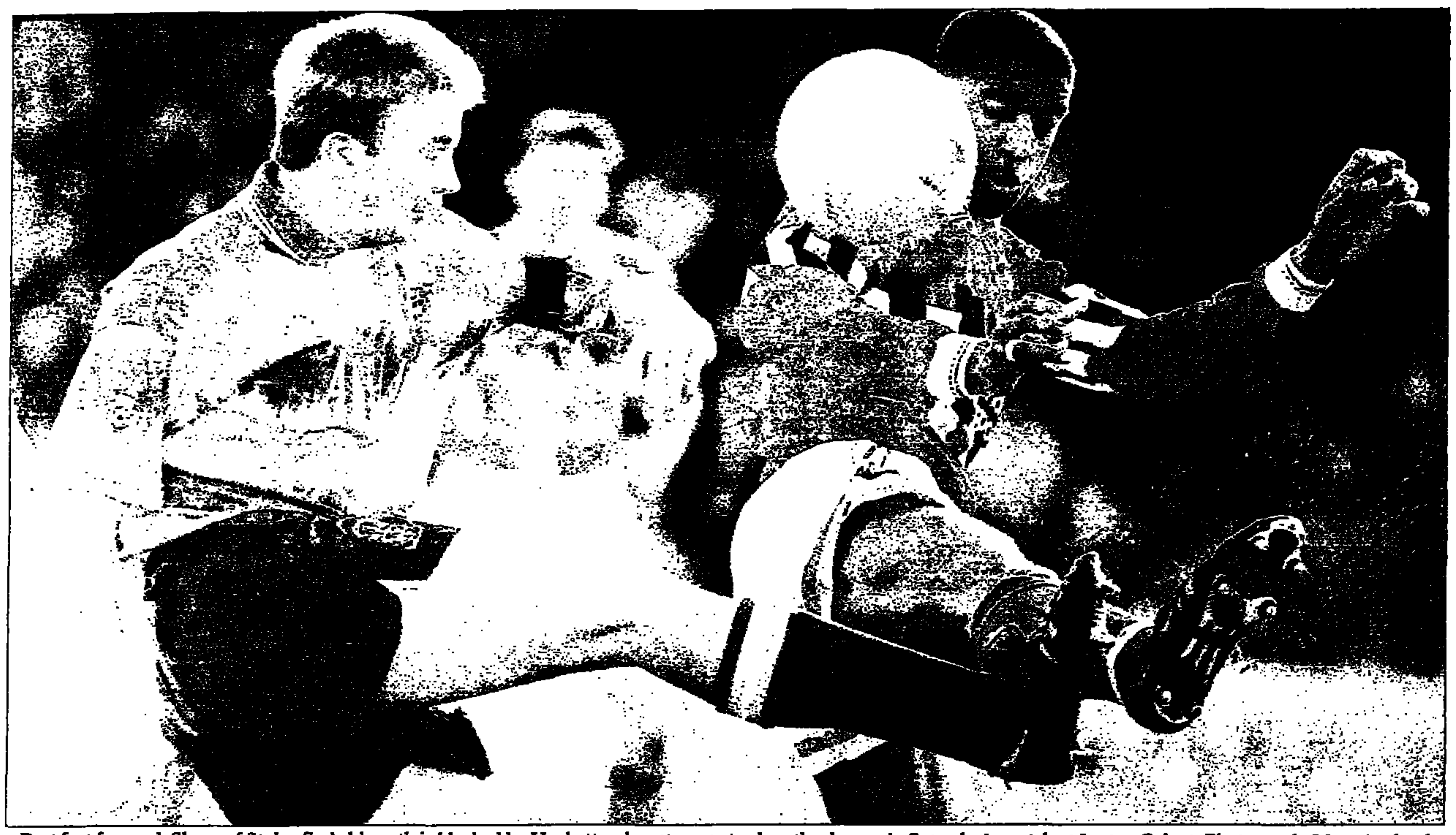
Explaining his decision yesterday, Dunwoody said: "I ride Flown in accordance with my retainer with Nicky Henderson. He is a good ride in the race. He ran a satisfactory trial although he does have to improve a bit on that."

Graham Bradley will now be approached to partner Morley Street while Declan Murphy or Graham McCourt could be in line for the ride on Kribensis.

Weekend support for Oh So Risky saw his odds cut from 20-1 to 16-1 with Ladbrokes and 25-1 to 20-1 with Hills.

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Potteries clubs follow different patterns



Best feet forward: Shaw, of Stoke, finds his path is blocked by Hackett as he attempts to clear the danger in Saturday's match at Leyton Orient. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Macari keeps smiling as unbeaten run founders

Leyton Orient 1
Stoke City 0

By Russell Kempson

PROTECTING and extending records can prove a hindrance in the quest for leading honours and the self-inflicted pressure had at last been lifted. Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, was almost delighted in defeat.

Stoke's 25-match unbeaten run ended at Brisbane Road on Saturday but Macari remained bubbly and buoyant, a firm believer in *c'est la vie*. "It had gone on and on and had to end some time," he said, with barely a trace of regret.

"I suppose you have to be disappointed that it's over and may be it was already in the back of my mind that it would be here that we lost. It's not an easy place to get points. We had more than our fair share of the play but never really looked as though we would pinch it. All we needed was *one little break but we didn't* get it."

Mark Stein, the Stoke forward, who carelessly failed to add to his 23 goals this season, was equally upbeat. "People will see that we've lost and now expect us to slip back just like Newcastle have done," he said. "But as long as we don't get complacent, I can't see that happening. It just didn't go for us today."

Stoke exuded an inner confidence and are entitled to view such a lethargic display as a mere hiccup. They are still seven points ahead of the second division field and had Heald, the Orient goalkeeper, not made a stunning save to tip over Beeston's 30-yard drive in the fifteenth minute, they could still be undefeated.

Orient were little more than organised and efficient. All week Peter Eustace, their manager, had been preaching the three Rs — responsibility, reliability and resolution — and his players had clearly looked, listened and learnt.

Injuries and the absence of Achampong — on World Cup duty with Ghana — dictated a *smothering system* based on workrate and the will to chase lost causes. Though unpleasant on the eye, it proved effective.

"With the problems we have had and the players we had available, what more did you expect," Eustace said, forcing one intrepid questioner to reassess his angle of attack. "Okay, it was not a classic in football terms but we got it absolutely right in everything else and showed a lot of character."

Orient strengthened their grip on third place in the table, courtesy of Cooper's fortieth-minute header. He started the move himself and delayed his run perfectly before meeting Carter's second attempt at the cross.

Stoke banged their heads against the Orient wall from then on in, with an air of expectation that an equaliser was only a sharp shot away. It never came but Macari was untroubled. Life goes on.

LEYTON ORIENT: P Heald; G Bellamy, T Howard, D Carter, A Whitbread, D Ludden, V Ryan, D Benstock, W Hackett, R Otto (sub: R Taylor), M Cooper.
STOKE CITY: R Sinclair; J Butler, L Sandford, I Cranson, V Overson, N Gleghorn, C Beeston, K Russell, M Stein, G Shaw (sub: D Regis), S Foley.
Referee: D Frampton (Dorset)

Slick Vale glow like beacon through blizzard's gloom

Port Vale 2
West Bromwich Albion .. 1

By Keith Pike

THE snow, gusting in horizontally over the red brick houses of Burslem, had obliterated the pitch markings by half-time and forced officials to go scurrying for that emblem of football in winter, the orange ball. But no matter how hard it fell, it could neither disguise the quality of this match nor thaw the smile on John Rudge's face.

Rudge is one of those managers, and Port Vale one of those clubs, who generate the warmest of feelings on the bitterest of days. He is now in his tenth season in charge at Vale Park, during which time they have been relegated twice and, the odd cup exploit apart, have rarely threatened to set Stoke-on-Trent alight, never mind the country.

For every club that would have kept faith in Rudge, there are, perhaps, 20 who would have *shown him the* door. But Port Vale, having given him a shoestring with which to work, are not the type to then hang him with it. Saturday's game exemplified why.

Port Vale decorated the expanses of one of the country's biggest pitches with the creative, short-passing game which deserves an even wider stage, their defenders looking happier with the ball than most lower-division playmakers. And when it came to the bottom line, Rudge was still in the black. Having sold Robbie Earle and Darren Beckford for around £1.7 million, he could sit back contentedly as their cut-price replacements got the goals which counted. Vale, 14 points behind Stoke City a month ago, have now trimmed the deficit to seven.

During Rudge's decade, West Brom have gone through seven managers and untold misery, culminating in relegation to the third division (in old money) for the first time. Under Ossie Ardiles, the big fish may still be good enough to leave the little pool, but Albion slipped out of the play-off picture during the run-in last season, and there are signs that they might do so again.

The large Albion contingent in a 13,000 crowd, twice Vale's average, was given plenty to shout about early on as the team's fluid "diamond" midfield formation sparkled, culminating in a gem of a goal from Ian Hamilton in the twentieth minute. Running on to Robson's pass, he beat Musselwhite by applying topspin lob to a half-volley which arced into the far corner.

As Albion struggled to keep their feet — and David Speedie failed to keep his head — in the worsening conditions, so Vale blossomed. Foyle, his back to goal, teed up Cross, a former Albion man, for the equaliser, and Cross returned the favour 11 minutes from time for Foyle to grab the winner.

PORT VALE: P Musselwhite; N Aspin, C Sulley, R Walker (sub: R van der Laan), P Billing, D Glover, K Kent, P Kerr, N Cross, M Foyle, I Taylor.
WEST BROMWICH ALBION: S Naylor; G Robson (sub: K Ampadu), S Lilwall, D Bradley, P Raven, G Strodder, D Speedie (sub: C Heggs), I Hamilton, R Taylor, M Mellon, K Donovan.
Referee: I Hemley.

Moore legend has lasting legacy at little Oxford City

Walter Gammie on a club and its staff striving to uphold the standards set by England's World Cup captain

The circle of players on the pitch and 60 or so spectators laced along iron railings stood for a *minute's silence in the* biting wind. The blue striped flag depicting a red ox crossing a ford, lowered to half mast, wrapped itself around the flagpole above a modest green stand.

As a small tribute to Bobby Moore by the devoted followers of Oxford City, the gesture on Saturday acknowledged the affection in which the former England captain was held at a club that hailed his appointment as manager in December 1979 as a coup.

A new chairman, Tony Rosser, owner of a free newspaper group in the town, expected success with style. Great amateur days at the start of the century had dwindled to an uncertain hold on a place in the Isthmian League premier division.

Unfortunately, Moore's stay at the White House ground brought relegation and, after 18 months, he went back into the oddly pathetic footballing wilderness that followed his playing days.

"He was quite simply too *nice a bloke to be a football* manager," the band of club officials who remember Moore's days agreed with one voice. Peter Foley, the former Oxford United forward, now in his third season in charge of City, said: "I think for a man to have played and won in a World Cup final, it would have been difficult for him to adjust. He must have expected high things from players who simply were of a *different standard*. I've been a manager now for five years and I don't know what makes a good manager."

As Oxford City sit on top of the Campri South Midlands League and later trotted out an 8-0 victory over a painfully outclassed side from Pirton, Hitchin, Foley clearly undersells his ability.

Where Moore, the outsider, was encouraged to think big, bringing in old league stalwarts like Phil Beal, flying over a goalkeeper from the Channel Islands and indulging in pre-match rituals that wouldn't have *shamed West Ham*, Foley has no choice but to set sights many leagues lower.

Foley has collected a team that is all local but includes seven players with experience at Oxford United, including Andy Thomas, the gifted midfield player whose career was prematurely ended by injury. "I've got three young players United let go last season," Foley said. "Fifteen years ago, they would have had another two or three years to come through."

Managers come, managers go. That there is an Oxford City at all, however, is thanks to the enduring loyalty of those volunteers for whom the club has always been part of their lives. When City were evicted from the White House by their landlords, Brasenose College, in 1988, the likes of John Shepperd, Mick Woodley and Peter Holloway continued to meet once a month to discuss ways of setting up again.

Three seasons ago, Oxford City reformed and played on a recreation pitch at Cutteslowe Park. They won promotion from the South Midlands League first division at the first



Moore

attempt and moved last season to the Pressed Steel ground at Cowley.

By May, City hope to have a new ground ready at Court Place Farm, Marston, with the aid of £200,000 from Pegasus International, which is developing the White House. City hope the new facilities will be good enough to allow them to climb back into the Diadora League. It is a story of quiet determination of which Moore would have felt proud.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

A VILLA (0) 1 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Yorke 79 — 34,496
C PALACE (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0
12,248
EVERTON (1) 2 OLDHAM (0) 2
Beardsley 20 (pen), Barlow 61 — Adams 87 (pen), 88 — 18,025
LEEDS (0) 1 IPSWICH (0) 0
Dorigo 72 (pen) — 28,848
MANCHESTER U (1) 3 MIDDLESBRO (0) 0
Giggs 20 Irwin 79 Cantona 85 — 36,251
NOTTM FOR (0) 0 MANCHESTER C (1) 2
25,956 — White 19, Flitcroft 37
SHEFFIELD W (0) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 1
Anderson 82 — Hutchison 20 — 33,964
SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 SHEFFIELD U (1) 2
Moore 2 Kenna 5 Dowie 40 — Gayle 37 Bryson 83 — 13,814
TOTTENHAM (2) 3 QPR (0) 2
Sheringham 8, 31 Anderton 59 — Peacock 86 White 89 — 32,341

Yesterday

NORWICH (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0
15,821

FA VASE: Sixth round: Bridlington Town 1, Banstead Athletic 0, Gresley Rovers 2, Dunston FB 0, Buckingham 1, Tiverton 4; Canvey Island 2, Bilston 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Aylesbury 2, Chesham 4, Marlow 3, Harrow 0, Basingstoke 0, Hayes 1, Grays 1, Hendon 2, Dulwich 1; Kingstonian 2, Enfield 3, St Albans 2, Staines 2, Stevenage Borough 1, Wokingham 1, Wivenhoe 1, Sutton United 3; Yeading 2, Bognor 1. First division: Aveley 1, Abingdon Town 5, Billericay 1, Lewes 1, Chalfont St Peter 1, Maidenhead 1 Croydon 0, Hitchin 3, Dorking 4, Walton and Hersham 0; Molesey 0, Bishop's Stortford 0; Purfleet 3, Leyton 0, Tooting and Mitcham 6, Barking 1, Wembley 0, Boreham Wood 1; Whyteleafe 1, Heybridge Swifts 1. Second division: Barton 1, Witham 1, Berkhamsted 2, Rainham 1; Edgware 1, Leatherhead 1, Hampton 1, Chertsey 3, Metropolitan Police 2, Harefield 1, Newbury 2, Hemel Hempstead 2; Ruislip Manor 0, Egham 0; Southall 1, Saffron Walden 1, Tilbury 1, Ware 0; Worthing 3, Hungerford 1. Third division: Clapton 2, Hornchurch 1, Collier Row 2, Leighton 4; Cove 6, Feltham and Hounslow 0; Flackwell Heath 0, Bracknell 4, Horsham 0, Aldershot Town 1, Petersfield 1, Camberley 0, Royston 1, Kingsbury 0, Thame 2, Epsom and Ewell 0; Tring 0, Hertford 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 2, Solihull 0, Burton 4, Trowbridge 2; Chelmsford 2, Weymouth 2; Corby 1, Worcester 2; Crawley 0, Cambridge City 0, Dorchester 2, Cheltenham 0; Dover 2, Gloucester 0; Hastings 2, VS Rugby 1, Moor Green 2, Halesowen 0. Midland division: Bridgnorth 2, Sutton Coldfield 3, Evesham 0, Dudley 0; King's Lynn 1, Stourbridge 5, Newport AFC 1, Bedworth 3, Nuneaton Borough 2, Hinckley 1, RC Warwick 1, Rushden and Diamonds 2, Tamworth 0, Grantham 0, Weston-super-Mare 3, Redditch 4; Yate 1, Leicester United 0. Southern division: Andover 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Baldock 1, Sittingbourne 1; Dunstable 0, Canterbury City 5, Erith and Belvedere 2, Poole 0, Fisher Athletic 2, Ashford 1, Havant 0, Sudbury 2; Salisbury 2, Margate 0; Wealdstone 2, Braintree 1, Witney 1, Fareham 0.

Barclays League

First division

BRENTFORD (0) 0 PETERBORO (1) 1
6,337 — Philliskirk 33
BRISTOL R (0) 0 WATFORD (1) 3
5,702 — Charlery 13, 69, Nogan 74
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 MILLWALL (1) 1
Butler 58 — Allen 45 — 5,144
CHARLTON (0) 2 BRISTOL C (1) 1
Gorman 79 Gatting 89 — Cole 3 — 7,351
GRIMSBY (1) 3 NOTTS CO (2) 3
Groves 16, 71, 76 — Devlin 14 Draper 41 Lund 69 — 5,671
LUTON (1) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 2
Dixon 12 Gray 82 (pen) — O'Connell 49 Currie 75 — 7,595
OXFORD UTD (0) 0 DERBY (0) 1
7,456 — Williams 68
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 WEST HAM (0) 0
19,068
SWINDON (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Bodin 88 — 14,077
WOLVES (0) 1 SOUTHEND (0) 1
Bull 50 — Ansah 51 — 11,563

Yesterday

LEICESTER (1) 2 BIRMINGHAM (1) 1
Walsh 42 Lowe 49 — Matthewson 45 — 10,284
TRANMERE (0) 0 NEWCASTLE (2) 3
13,082 — Lee 26, 88 Kelly 42

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Newcastle	32	10	4	1	29	8	10	3	4	26	18	67
West Ham	32	9	4	2	30	12	8	5	4	26	17	60
Millwall	32	11	3	1	41	15	3	8	6	12	20	53
Swindon	31	11	4	2	33	17	4	4	6	19	24	53
Portsmouth	32	11	2	2	30	7	3	7	7	24	31	51
Tranmere	30	10	4	2	35	14	4	2	8	15	27	48
Grimsby	31	8	5	3	27	21	6	1	8	20	20	48
Leicester	31	8	4	4	25	19	5	3	7	17	21	46
Derby	31	5	0	10	25	27	8	5	3	25	14	44
Wolves	32	7	6	4	27	30	4	5	6	16	19	44
Charlton	32	7	7	3	22	15	4	4	7	15	17	44
Watford	32	5	5	5	23	23	6	4	7	26	32	42
Peterboro	30	3	7	5	20	22	8	1	6	20	22	41
Barnsley	31	7	3	4	17	11	4	4	9	23	35	40
Oxford Utd	31	5	6	5	23	15	4	6	5	18	23	39
Sunderland	30	6	5	6	21	19	4	3	6	10	20	38
Brentford	32	6	3	8	22	23	4	4	7	17	23	37
Cambridge	31	6	4	6	19	21	2	7	6	16	28	35
Luton	31	3	9	4	17	23	4	5	6	16	24	35
Bristol C	31	5	5	4	18	18	3	4	10	17	37	33
Notts Co	31	5	5	5	19	18	2	6	8	19	34	32
Southend	31	5	6	4	21	13	2	4	10	13	26	31
Bristol R	32	5	2	10	21	34	3	4	8	17	29	30
Birmingham	31	6	2	6	18	22	1	6	10	10	31	29

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 2, Hyde 1, Bishop Auckland 1, Marine 0; Droylsden 0, Winsford 4; Emley 1, Morecambe 2, Horwich 3, Frickley 1, Leek 4, Fleetwood 1, Matlock 3, Chorley 1, Mossley 0, Southport 2; Whitley Bay 1, Accrington Stanley 1. First division: Caernarfon 1, Netherfield 5; Congleton 6, Rossendale 1; Eastwood Town 1, Gretna 1; Harrogate 1, Knowsley 1, Lancaster City 1, Alfreton 1; Shepshed Albion 2, Radcliffe Borough 2; Warrington 3, Farsley Celtic 1, Worksop 0, Curzon Ashton 3. League Cup: Gainsborough Trinity 2, Workington 4.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 3, Abergavenny 1; Caersws 5, Aberystwyth 0; Connah's Quay 5, Afan Lido 2; Conwy 4, Briton Ferry 2, Ebbw Vale 0, Holywell 0; Flint Town United 0, Cwmbran 0; Haverfordwest 1, Llandiloes 1, Llanelli 0, Porthmadog 3; Newtown 0, Maesteg Park 1.

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Republic of Ireland 2, England 4 (in Dublin)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1, West Ham 3

Second division

BURNLEY (1) 2 BRADFORD (2) 2
Stanton 22 McCarthy 90 (og) — Reid 2 Jewell 41 — 13,262
CHESTER (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 2
Rimmer 60 — Butler 47 (og) Hodges 47 — 2,163
EXETER (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 2
3,146 — Lyttle 73 West 87
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 BOLTON (1) 2
2,756 — McGinlay 29 Green 79
HULL (1) 1 FULHAM (0) 1
Atkinson 44 — Morgan 73 — 3,645
L ORIENT (1) 1 STOKE (0) 0
Cooper 42 — 10,798
PORT VALE (0) 2 WEST BROM (1) 1
Cross 59 Foyle 79 — Hamilton 19 — 13,291
PRESTON (1) 3 BLACKPOOL (1) 3
Ellis 16, 77 Fowler 48 — Davies 5 Watson 60, 75 — 10,403
READING (2) 2 HUDDERSFLD (0) 1
Gray 10 Gilkes 11 — Roberts 81 — 3,948
WIGAN (0) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 2
Skipper 77 — Nogan 44, 90 — 2,033

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Stoke	30	11	3	0	29	9	7	6	3	24	16	63
Port Vale	30	11	5	0	34	10	5	3	6	30	23	56
L Orient	32	13	3	1	37	12	3	4	8	14	21	55
West Brom	31	10	3	2	33	12	5	4	7	18	23	52
Stockport	30	10	6	1	38	12	4	3	6	18	21	51
Rotherham	30	8	4	4	24	17	5	4	5	17	17	47
Bolton	29	8	2	3	26	10	5	5	6	23	22	46
Brighton	30	8	3	3	22	13	5	4	7	19	23	46
Burnley	31	8	6	2	26	13	4	4	7	14	25	46
Bradford	32	7	4	4	21	15	4	7	6	26	34	44
Reading	31	6	3	5	32	16	3	7	5	16	19	43
Fulham	31	5	5	4	17	18	5	7	5	22	27	42
Swansea	30	5	6	2	17	8	5	6	6	20	21	42
Bournemouth	29	6	5	3	19	13	5	4	6	12	16	42
Plymouth	30	8	5	1	23	11	2	4	10	8	28	39
Hartlepool	31	6	3	7	14	17	4	5	6	15	20	38
Hull	31	6	4	6	20	19	3	5	7	13	24	36
Preston	31	6	5	6	29	29	3	2	9	16	31	34
Exeter	31	4	5	7	20	23	3	7	5	15	27	33
Blackpool	31	5	7	3	25	21	2	4	10	18	32	32
Wigan	30	5	6	6	21	21	3	2	8	10	22	32
Mansfield	31	5	6	4	28	24	2	3	11	9	33	30
Chester	32	5	2	10	25	34	1	2	12	13	35	22
Huddersfld	28	3	4	6	12	14	2	3	10	13	30	22

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Mechanics 3, Glossop NE 0; Chadderton 2, Clitheroe 3; Darwen 0, Bamber Bridge 1, Flixton 0, Atherton LR 0; Kidsgrove Athletic 0, Bradford PA 0; Maine Road 1, Blackpool Rovers 2; Nantwich 6, Burscough 0; Newcastle Town 5, Salford 0, Prescot 1, Bacup 0; St Helens 2, Eastwood Hanley 2, Skelmersdale 1, Penrith 3.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 2, Larne 1; Bangor 4, Ards 3; Carrick 3, Glenavon 1; Cliftonville 3, Omagh Town 1; Coleraine 3, Ballyclare 0, Distillery 0, Crusaders 2; Linfield 0, Newry 0, Portadown 1, Glentoran 1

Third division

BURY (2) 3 WREXHAM (0) 1
Stevens 10 Lyons 38 Adekola 58 — Watkin 90 — 4,550
CARDIFF (1) 1 CREWE (1) 1
Griffith 27 — Clarkson 22 — 10,012
CARLISLE (1) 3 ROCHDALE (0) 0
Oghani 18, 72 Arnold 57 — 3,021
CHESTERFLD (0) 1 TORQUAY (0) 0
Morris 72 — 2,657
DARLINGTON (0) 0 SHREWSBURY (1) 2
1,422 — Griffiths 21, 70
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 DONCASTER (1) 1
Crown 90 — O'Connor 8 (og) — 2,975
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 SCARBORO (1) 3
Bell 33 — Foreman 19 Ormsby 46 Jules 80 — 2,451
WALSALL (1) 1 LINCOLN (2) 2
Cecere 40 — Baraclough 7 Lee 25 — 3,345
YORK (2) 5 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1
Barnes 34, 45, 63, 66 Blackstone 61 — Farrell 66 — 2,990

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Barnet	28	13	2	0	37	12	5	4	4	15	17	60
Cardiff	29	9	5	1	32	15	7	1	6	20	19	54
Wrexham	29	9	3	2	34	19	6	5	4	19	22	52
York	30	10	5	1	33	10	4	5	5	18	23	52
Shrewsbury	28	10	1	4	28	20	5	4	4	14	13	50
Lincoln	28	7	3	3	18	12	7	2	6	20	21	47
Walsall	29	7	4	4	30	25	7	0	7	22	23	46
Scarborough	27	6	4	4	19	10	7	2	7	30	33	45
Bury	27	9	3	2	30	12	4	2	7	17	25	44
Crewe	27	7	5	4	21	14	6	3	7	24	28	42
Rochdale	28	6	3	4	27	18	5	5	5	25	22	41
Colchester	30	9	3	4	27	21	3	1	10	18	31	40
Chesterfield	28	7	2	5	22	18	3	6	5	18	23	38
Doncaster	32	5	4	5	18	15	4	7	7	14	25	35
Carlisle	28	6	2	7	25	21	2	5	6	14	23	31
Scunthorpe	[illegible]	4	5	3	21	15	4	2	8	13	23	33
Darlington	29	3	4	8	15	24	5	3	5	13	15	30
Halifax	30	3	4	9	19	25	4	3	8	21	26	28
Hereford	28	4	6	3	22	20	2	2	9	12	25	28
Torquay	29	4	2	8	11	18	4	0	11	19	34	26
Gillingham	29	5	3	7	23	22	0	7	7	17	21	25
Northampton	29	3	4	9	15	26	3	2	8	13	28	24

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 3, Ossett Town 1; Eccleshill 1, Armthorpe Welfare 0; Harrogate Railway 3, Stocksbridge PS 3; Maltby MW 2, North Ferriby 4; Pontefract Collieries 1, Glasshoughton Welfare 2; Sheffield 1, Brigg 3; Winterton Rangers 3, Denaby 3

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic 3, Haverhill 0, Chatteris 3, Stowmarket 2; Fakenham 6, Halstead 0; Felixstowe 1, Diss 2, Gorleston 2, Brightlingsea 2; Histon 1, Norwich United 1; Lowestoft 2, Tiptree 5, Watton 2, March Town 1; Wisbech 4, Cornard 3.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United 4, Gillingham 1; Charlton Athletic 0, Millwall 1; Chelsea 2, Arsenal 1, Fulham 5, Leyton Orient 4, Southend United 2, QPR 2, Watford 3, Portsmouth 0, West Ham 2, Ipswich Town 2. Second division: Brentford 1, Tottenham 1; Brighton 0, Luton Town 3; Crystal Palace 1, Bristol City 0; Reading 3, Bristol Rovers 1, Southampton 2, Wimbledon 2. League Cup: Semi-final: Bournemouth 2; Norwich City 3

GM Vauxhall Conference

BOSTON (0) 1 YEOVIL (0) 0
Jones 70 — 1,118
DAGENHAM (2) 2 ALTRNCHM (0) 2
Butterworth 33 (pen) Nuttell 45 — France 46 Smith 75 — 823
GATESHEAD (0) 1 SLOUGH (0) 0
Dobson 88 — 347
KETTERING (0) 2 WITTON (0) 1
Donald 61 Hodges 82 — Alford 55 — 1,090
KIDDRMNSTR (0) 1 FARNBORO (4) 5
Brindley 50 — Coney 2 Leworthy 12, 17, 21 Wigmore 65 (pen) — 1,120
MACCLESFLD (0) 1 WELLING (1) 1
Lambert 71 — Robbins 3 (pen) — 437
NORTHWICH (0) 0 WYCOMBE (0) 0
1,960
RUNCORN (1) 2 BROMSGROVE (1) 1
Shaughnessy 40 Anderson 87 — Whitehouse 31 — 459
STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 STAFFORD (0) 0
Bauress 42 — 752
TELFORD (0) 0 BATH (0) 0
618
WOKING (0) 0 MERTHYR (1) 2
2,049 — Coates 32 Williams 87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Wycombe	28	11	2	0	35	6	7	5	3	30	14	61
Slough	30	10	1	5	32	22	5	5	4	16	17	51
Dagenham	30	8	5	4	34	21	6	4	5	16	13	45
Woking	30	5	2	7	16	19	8	3	5	27	26	44
Bromsgrove	30	5	4	5	24	19	5	6	4	17	17	43
Northwich	29	3	4	7	14	18	9	2	4	34	15	42
Telford	28	6	4	4	22	19	5	5	4	18	18	42
Yeovil	27	8	2	2	22	10	3	5	7	11	20	40
Gateshead	29	7	5	4	18	14	4	2	6	18	23	40
Stalybridge	28	3	8	3	17	22	6	4	4	20	18	39
Bath	27	6	4	3	20	16	4	4	6	17	15	38
Kettering	30	9	3	3	29	22	1	5	7	16	27	37
Farnborough	30	7	3	6	28	25	3	4	7	25	34	37
Stafford	24	4	3	5	14	16	6	2	4	17	14	35
Kidderminstr	29	5	4	6	14	21	3	7	4	18	18	35
Altrincham	28	4	5	5	14	18	5	3	6	15	19	35
Welling	33	5	6	5	23	26	3	5	9	22	33	35
Runcorn	29	8	2	6	24	22	2	3	8	12	30	35
Merthyr	25	1	5	6	11	25	8	1	4	19	19	33
Macclesfield	27	4	4	4	15	13	4	1	10	14	26	29
Boston	30	4	4	6	17	22	3	4	9	18	29	29
Witton	26	3	5	5	19	20	3	5	5	16	17	28

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Mangotsfield 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0, Clevedon 2; Frome 1, Elmore 1, Liskeard Athletic 3, Westbury 3, Paulton 7, Dawlish 0; Plymouth Argyle 0, Taunton 1, Torquay United 3, Chippenham 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 3, Peterlee Newtown 0, Easington Colliery 0, Chester-le-Street 0; Murton 0, Tow Law 1; Seaham Red Star 1, Newcastle Blue Star 1, Stockton 2, Northallerton 0, West Auckland 1, Ferryhill Athletic 1

Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 DUNDEE (0) 0
Ferguson 9 — 12,140
FALKIRK (0) 0 CELTIC (0) 3
8,500 — McAvennie 55 Payton 80, 89
HIBERNIAN (1) 3 AIRDRIE (1) 1
Jackson 15, 54 McGinlay 87 (pen) — Black 11 — 5,009
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1
Dolan 21 — Redford 3 — 4,278
RANGERS (2) 2 HEARTS (0) 1
McCoist 11 Robertson 32 — Millar 79 — 42,128

POSTPONED: Aberdeen v Partick.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Rangers	31	14	2	0	39	10	10	4	1	37	14	54
Aberdeen	30	9	5	2	32	8	9	2	3	32	14	43
Celtic	32	6	5	4	24	16	9	6	2	25	15	41
Hearts	32	10	4	2	20	9	3	7	6	15	20	37
Dundee Utd	32	6	6	4	18	16	7	2	7	18	17	34
Hibernian	32	6	6	4	24	21	3	5	8	16	24	29
St Johnstone	32	6	6	3	21	19	2	5	10	16	32	27
Dundee	32	6	2	8	19	24	3	6	7	20	35	26
Partick	31	4	4	8	20	34	4	5	6	15	19	25
Motherwell	32	4	4	9	18	30	3	6	6	16	20	24
Airdrie	32	3	6	6	13	18	1	6	10	10	34	20
Falkirk	32	5	4	7	29	32	3	0	13	15	40	20

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: West Wickham 2, Civil Service 2; South Bank Poly 2, Norsemen 0; NatWest Bank 2, Old Parkonians 0, Old Esthameians 2, Old Actonians 2; Carshalton 0, Midland Bank 2; Old Bromleians 0, Crouch End Vampires 3; Winchmore Hill 1, Broomfield 3, Southgate Olympic 1, Old Stationers 0; Ibis 0, Polytechnic 3; Alexandra Park 7, Kew Association 3; Barclays Bank 1, Old Salesians 2, Lloyds Bank 0, Lensbury 1; Merton 0, Alleyn Old Boys 3; Bank of England 0, Old Latymerians 3, East Barnet OG 3, Old Westminster Cits 0; Reigate Priory 4, Royal Bank of Scotland 6; Old Lyonians 2, Old Parmiterians 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Cholmeleians 1, Old Etonians 2; Old Reptonians 2, Old Carthusians 1. First division: Old Westminsters 1, Old Salopians 4; Old Wykehamists 0, Old Brentwoods 5. Arthur Dunn Cup: Semi-final: Lancing Old Boys 3, Chigwellians 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 1, Ignatians 4; Enfield 3, Aloysians 1; Danes 1, Tansonians 5. London Old Boys Senior Cup: Westhamians 1, Wilsonians 0; Glyn 1, Tiffinians 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village 0, Witan 3; Old Fairlopians 4, Old Bealonians 4; Old Finchleians 1, Parkfield 3; Old Owens 3, Old Grammarians 6.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Schalke 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; FC Nuremberg 3, VfB Stuttgart 2; Karlsruhe 2, FC Saarbruecken 2; Bayer Uerdingen 1, SG Wattenscheid 1; FC Kaiserslautern 1, Bayern Munich 3. Eintracht Frankfurt 2, FC Cologne 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2, Werder Bremen 2. VfL Bochum 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Bayern Munich, 29 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 28; 3, Werder Bremen, 26.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Brescia 0, Parma 1; Cagliari 2, Atalanta 1; Fiorentina 2, Inter Milan 2; Genoa 2, Lazio 3; AC Milan 4, Sampdoria 0; Naples 0, Ancona 0; Roma 2, Juventus 1, Torino 3, Pescara 1; Udinese 3, Foggia 2. Leading positions (after 21 matches): 1, AC Milan, 37 points; 2, Inter Milan, 27; 3, Lazio, 25.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 2, Deportivo de La Coruña 1.

First division

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 STIRLING (0) 1
Bryce 74 — Watters 90 — 769
COWDENBTH (0) 0 RAITH (1) 2
1,978 — Cameron 40 Dalziel 68
DUMBARTON (1) 2 AYR (0) 0
Boyd 28 Mooney 53 — 1,200
DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 MEADOWBANK (1) 2
Laing 1 Leitch 3 Davies 81 — Rae 18 Bailey 48 — 2,343
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 0
McCluskey 77 — 6,555
MORTON (0) 1 HAMILTON (1) 2
Alexander 77 — Weir 9 Clark 89 — 1,560

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Raith	32	11	5	0	39	11	8	6	2	25	17	49
Dunfermline	32	10	3	3	28	17	9	1	6	26	17	42
Kilmarnock	32	10	3	3	30	11	7	4	5	17	17	41
St Mirren	32	8	4	3	24	12	8	3	6	19	24	39
Hamilton	31	8	5	2	26	13	6	4	6	22	16	37
Morton	32	8	2	7	28	22	6	5	4	21	18	35
Clydebank	32	7	6	3	27	14	3	4	9	22	34	30
Ayr	31	7	6	4	20	15	2	6	7	13	19	29
Dumbarton	32	8	1	8	26	27	5	2	8	23	32	29
Meadowbank	32	4	5	8	15	23	4	3	10	21	37	24
Stirling	32	3	3	9	11	23	2	7	8	18	23	20
Cowdenbeath	32	0	4	13	17	45	1	1	13	8	38	7

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 STRANRAER (1) 2
Cadden 57 — Duncan 28 McLean 62 — 251
BRECHIN (0) 0 MONTROSE (0) 0
623
E FIFE (0) 2 CLYDE (1) 3
Hope 67 Burns 73 — McGarvey 4, 55 McAulay 89 — 716
E STIRLING (0) 0 ALLOA (1) 2
437 — Cromble 1 Moffat 62
QUEEN OF S (1) 2 FORFAR (2) 4
McGhie 33 Thomson 54 — McCafferty 13 Bingham 38 Heddle 77 Petrie 80 — 399
QUEEN'S PK (1) 2 ARBROATH (0) 1
Graham 18 Rodden 55 — Adam 85 — 511
STENHSMUIR (0) 0 BERWICK (0) 0
300

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Brechin	28	10	3	1	29	11	7	4	3	18	10	41
Clyde	28	6	5	3	23	12	9	3	2	34	17	38
Stranraer	28	5	7	2	19	13	7	4	3	20	16	35
Alloa	28	7	3	4	21	19	7	4	3	23	17	35
Forfar	28	8	3	3	30	23	5	4	5	16	17	33
E Fife	28	5	3	6	25	25	7	3	4	31	19	30
Arbroath	28	5	4	5	22	21	7	2	5	17	17	30
Stenhsmuir	28	5	2	7	18	19	4	7	3	23	18	27
Berwick	28	6	3	5	25	22	4	2	8	17	29	25
Queen of S	28	4	3	7	17	19	4	4	6	22	30	23
Montrose	28	3	2	9	17	27	5	2	7	20	29	20
E Stirling	28	3	3	8	18	30	4	3	7	25	37	20
Queen's Park	28	5	2	7	22	26	2	3	9	15	27	19
Albion	28	3	5	6	16	25	1	3	10	9	27	16

Weekend statistics

HARTLEPOOL set a new league record this weekend by failing to score in 1,047 minutes of football — their last goal was in an FA Cup tie against Crystal Palace on January 2. Attendances were up on last season in all four divisions. Darlington had the lowest league gate for the second successive week.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Shearer (Blackburn)	16	0	6	0	22
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	15	4	3	0	22
Wright (Arsenal)	11	7	4	0	22
Quinn (Coventry)	16	0	0	3	19
Hignett (Middlesbro)	11	4	3	0	18
White (Man City)	14	3	0	0	17
Saunders (A Villa)	13	2	2	0	17
Chapman (Leeds)	12	1	2	2	17
Cantona (Man Utd)	11	0	0	5	16
First division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Whittingham (Portmth)	30	0	2	3	35
Aldridge (Tranmere)	19	1	2	2	24
Blissett (Brentford)	15	0	4	4	23
Furlong (Watford)	17	0	3	0	20
Kitson (Derby)	14	0	2	4	20
Maskell (Swindon)	17	0	1	1	19
Morley (West Ham)	16	1	0	1	18
Kelly (Newcastle)	14	1	2	1	18
Peacock (Newcastle)	12	2	2	2	18
Second division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Francis (Stockport)	18	2	2	4	26
Walker (Bolton)	17	4	1	2	24
Taylor (West Brom)	16	3	1	3	23
Stein (Stoke)	16	0	4	3	23
McCarthy (Bradford)	13	2	1	5	21
Quinn (Reading)	12	3	1	2	18
Saville (Hartlepool)	10	5	1	1	17
Taylor (Port Vale)	13	1	1	1	16
Ellis (Preston)	13	1	1	1	16
Third division	**Lge**	**FA**	**LC**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Foreman (Scarboro)	22	0	2	2	26
Griffiths (Shrewsbury)	20	2	1	1	24
Clarke (Walsall)	17	0	1	1	19
Bennett (Wrexham)	13	1	2	2	18
Bull (Barnet)	15	0	2	0	17
Stant (Cardiff)	13	0	1	1	15

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield.

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Norwich	—	17
Aston Villa	—	18
Coventry	—	21
Newcastle	1	20
Peterborough	2	21
Scarborough	—	24
Huddersfield	—	26
FOUL PLAY	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Torquay	3	64
Cambridge Utd	6	56
Colchester	2	58
Sheff Utd	3	55
Wimbledon	2	56
Reading	4	53
Exeter	3	54

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Prem (14)	333,508	23,822	+9.2	+10.2
Div 1 (16)	175,412	10,963	+3.3	+4.2
Div 2 (12)	75,157	6,263	+5.8	+15.5
Div 3 (10)	38,430	3,843	+36.8	+5.9

Highest/lowest of weekend: Premier League, 36,251 (Man Utd v Middlesbro); 12,248 (C Palace v Coventry). First division: 19,068 (Sunderland v West Ham); 5,144 (Cambridge Utd v Millwall). Second division: 13,291 (Port Vale v West Brom); 2,033 (Wigan v Brighton). Third division: 10,012 (Cardiff v Crewe); 1,422 (Darlington v Shrewsbury).

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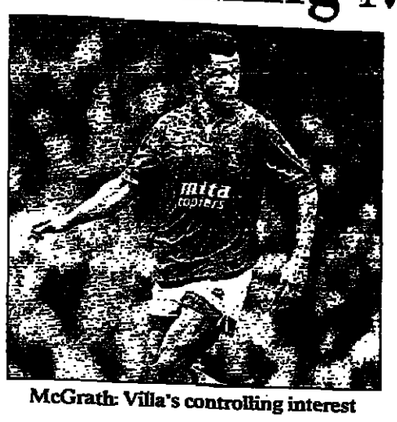
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FORECAST: Dividends will be very good with nine score-draws and four no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 24 points.

Cunning McGrath defies creaking limbs to keep Villa on course


McGrath: Villa's controlling interest

Aston Villa 1
Wimbledon 0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

IF ASTON Villa eventually win the Premier League championship, Ron Atkinson should make sure that the first hand he shakes is Paul McGrath's.

As one of the Premier League's most experienced managers, Atkinson is well aware of the maxim that no player is bigger than any team. He also knows that, in recent seasons, exceptional individuals, including Stuart Pearce at Nottingham Forest and Bryan Robson, of Manchester United, have proved exceptions to the rule.

McGrath is equally important to Villa right now, so much so that when he is forced to miss a game, Atkinson could be forgiven for feeling that he has lost half his team. On Saturday, the centre half was far and away the best player on view as Villa made heavy weather of beating Wimbledon at a snowy Villa Park.

Without McGrath's footballing brain to guide them, it is quite conceivable that Villa would have lost, and had somebody else filled his No. 5 shirt this season it is improbable that they would be top of the league this morning.

Yet McGrath is a most unlikely talisman. Aged 33, his knees have been subjected to so much wear and tear that several doctors have urged him to retire. Medical consensus is that McGrath will pay a physical price for fuelling Villa's title fervour.

As it is, McGrath's gait is disjointed when he runs — which is rarely. That is because he paces himself, knowing that if he is to play twice a week economy of effort is essential. On Saturday, such rationing of energy — McGrath saved his runs until late on, when Villa were desperately seeking a winner — only highlighted his remarkable positional sense.

Winning the ball from the likes of Fashanu, who was made to look clumsy and ineffective, and Cotterill was achieved with impeccably timed tackles and a minimum of fuss.

Once on the ball, McGrath was composure itself but, unruffled though he may have been, he still knew when to play for safety and kick it into touch rather than gamble on a risky pass. Such intuition is worth millions and prompted a comparison with Scales, of Wimbledon. He had a decent game, but if Scales is valued at £2 million, what price a fit McGrath?

Appropriately, he played a part in Villa's eightieth-minute winner. Making one of his late forays upfield, McGrath, on the right, played the ball in to Regis, whose headed flick found Yorke. The striker's low shot afforded Segers no chance. It seemed somewhat harsh on the Wimbledon goalkeeper who, despite being only 5ft 10in, was commanding throughout.

Segers apart, the only impressive thing about Wimbledon was the power and accuracy of Jones's throw-ins. Villa, especially in the first half when they allowed themselves to be sucked in by the visitors' spoiling tactics, were little better, but the overall quality of the football merely made McGrath stand out as a man apart.

Having been shown the door at Old Trafford by Alex Ferguson, depriving the Manchester United manager of the title would be particularly pleasing for McGrath.

Ferguson says he sacked him after the player refused to curb his drinking but, under Atkinson, McGrath revels in a reputation as a model of clean living. Maybe the championship will be determined by man management.

ASTON VILLA: M Bosnich; E Barrett, S Staunton, S Teale; P McGrath, A Richardson, P Houghton, T Cox, D Saunders, D Yorke, C Regis.
WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, G Elkins, V Jones, J Scales, E McAllister, N Ardley, R Earle, J Fashanu; T Cotterill, G Debbage (sub: A Clarke).
Referee: S Lodge.

Newcastle reward Keegan's patience

Tranmere Rovers 0
Newcastle United 3

BY IAN ROSS

AFTER an unproductive period when they possibly began to doubt both their pedigree and their extraordinarily good publicity, Newcastle United yesterday produced a highly professional performance to suggest that promotion to the Premier League can once again be regarded as little more than a formality.

A first league victory in six weeks moved Newcastle seven points clear of West Ham United at the top of the first division and, perhaps more relevantly, opened up a 14-point gap between themselves and Millwall, the club in third place.

Defeat, their fifth in six league games, could also mark the end of Tranmere Rovers' attempt to join English football's elite for the first time in their history.

If nothing else, Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, is a persistent and patient man. After a run of four games without a goal, it would have been understandable had he made changes to his forward line. He did not, and his faith was vindicated.

Much to the chagrin of a large and vociferous section of their huge travelling support, Sheedy was once again picked in Newcastle's midfield. Despite his pedigree, the Republic of Ireland international is not flavour of the month on Tyneside, presumably because his rather pedestrian pace contrasts so starkly with the frenetic workrate of his younger, more enthusiastic, colleagues.

A combination of Newcastle's haste to transform defence into attack and Tranmere's over-elaboration in the final third of the field so reduced the quality of the football that 20 minutes had elapsed before the encounter yielded an incident of any note.

Newcastle, despite the impressive promptings of Peacock and O'Brien, were ineffective for long periods, but their greater composure and possession suggested that they would eventually contrive a breakthrough. Once it was established that Tranmere were unwilling, or perhaps unable, to alter an inflexible game plan, a Newcastle victory was all but assured.

That it took them 27 minutes to successfully work a way through to goal said more about the fragility of their attack than it did about Tranmere's efficiency in defence.

When the breakthrough did arrive, it was all so simple. Having collected Beresford's pass wide on the left, Clark cut inside his marker and placed his trust in power and luck. His drive was inaccurate, but as Nixon, the Tranmere goalkeeper, attempted to collect, the ball rebounded off his chest into the path of Lee, who swept the ball in from ten yards.

A second goal seemed inevitable and, coming two minutes before half-time, served to end the game in a competitive sense. Again the build-up was innocuous, for as Scott rose to flick Clark's corner backwards, the likelihood was that a Tranmere defender would intervene. But the ball was allowed to drift across goal, allowing Kelly to steer in a powerful, low shot.

Ironically, it was only after Muir, Tranmere's veteran forward, had limped off in the 66th minute that Newcastle's advantage came under threat but, by that stage, the result had been decided. A revival was attempted but swiftly abandoned, and Lee's second goal, a solo effort in the 88th minute, was no more than Newcastle deserved.

TRANMERE ROVERS: E Nixon; D Higgins, G Brannan, D Martindale, S Mungall, S Vickers, J Morrissey, N McNab (sub: M Hughes), C Malkin, I Muir (sub: K Irons), P Nevin.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Smicek; B Venison, J Beresford, L O'Brien, K Scott (sub: B Kilcline; sub: P Bracewell), S Howey, R Lee, G Peacock, D Kelly, L Clark, K Sheedy.
Referee: M Peck.

☐ Leicester City revived their faltering promotion challenge with an unconvincing 2-1 victory over the bottom club, Birmingham City, at Filbert Street. Walsh put them ahead after 42 minutes, heading home an inch-perfect cross from Mills. Although Birmingham replied in first-half injury time when Mathewson bundled a corner over the line at the second attempt, Birmingham's frailties were exposed four minutes into the second half when Walsh dispossessed Mardon and set up Lowe for the winner.

United arrive at their month of truth

Manchester United 3
Middlesbrough 0

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

After a victory which kept Manchester United in touch with Aston Villa, Alex Ferguson looked like a man whose pancakes had all stuck to the kitchen ceiling. Beating Middlesbrough told the United manager nothing about his players. The next five Premier League games, on the other hand, will.

Ferguson will not be content until he brings home the championship. He has been here before, and known failure. Compulsive meddling last spring betrayed a lack of nerve, which will not necessarily hold this time just because everybody else thinks United will lead the rest home. Lennie Lawrence's generous post-match testimony, "I am certain they will be champions", is typical.

Before British Summer Time arrives on March 28, United will know if they have wintered well enough to satisfy their manager's ambitions. The month begins at Anfield next week and ends at home to Arsenal. In between visits to Oldham and Manchester City, there is also Villa's arrival for a game which should bring together the key men in this season's contest.

It is said one player cannot make a team. Oh doesn't it? It would be revealing to see where Villa might be now if they did not have Paul McGrath. When he returns to the club that let him go for reasons unconnected with football, he will have strict instructions: let Eric Cantona out of your sight at the team's peril. The championship could well hinge on this conjunction of wills.

Cantona will never look natural in English football. Craftsmen rarely do. There is something of the poet in his disdain for the clutter around him, and he is selfless enough to furnish others with many of his best lines.

Ryan Giggs, with his fourth goal in three matches, a cracking left-footer from an unpromising angle, tickled the crowd's fancy because he is the local lad making good. Cantona, though, supplied the delight in a match that was not always delightful and claimed the third goal five minutes from the end. But for Pears, who remained splendidly defiant, the Frenchman would have tripled his score by the whistle.

At close quarters Cantona is superb. No ball is too difficult either to stun or lay off, so he is an ideal conduit for others to play through, seeing the possibilities earlier than they do and having the facility to achieve his aims. Occasionally he overreaches himself, but when the advantages are so obvious, nobody is complaining.

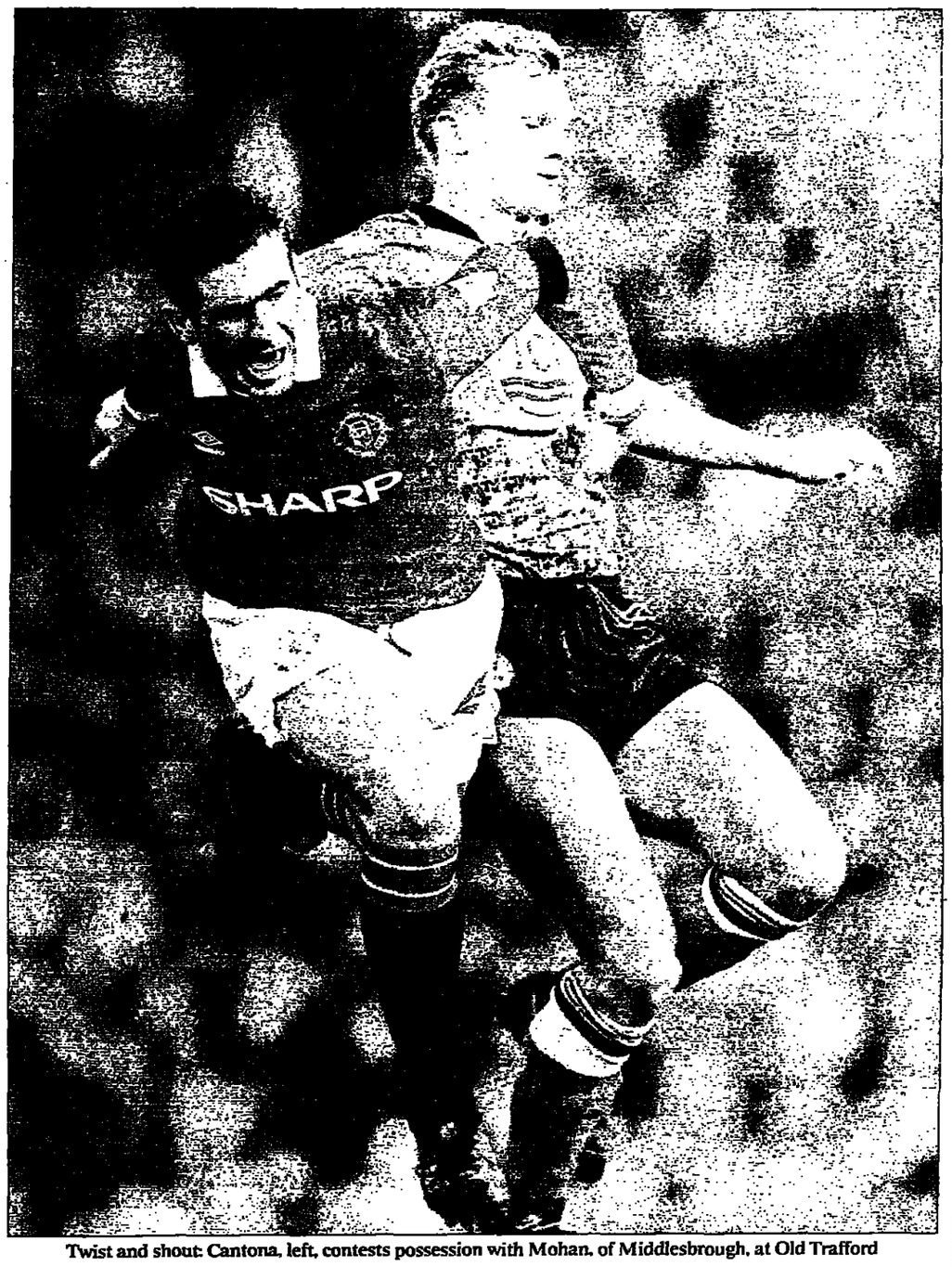
Now comes the difficult bit. United must do without their Gallic symbol for the games at Liverpool and Oldham, neither of whom owe them any favours. Cantona's booking in the Southampton match, allied to the disciplinary points he totted up at Leeds, has brought an untimely suspension.

No wonder Ferguson was cogitating. Does he bring in Kanchelskis and switch Giggs to a central position, where his pace would disturb Liverpool's arthritic defence? Sharpe's pallid showing must in any case encourage the Ukrainian winger to polish his boots.

United's defensive reputation is well earned. Schmeichel, Bruce and Pallister are ever-present, and since November, when Parker and Irwin have made up a constant quintet, they have lost one of 15 league games. These men provide important goals, too. Irwin saw one free kick strike a post before he beat Pears from a similar range, 25 yards, 11 minutes from time.

Lawrence hardly deserves to take another club down after his travails at Charlton. He probably will.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs.
MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; C Morris, J Phillips, D Whyte, N Mohan, A Pease, J Hendrie, A Mustoe (sub: B Slaven), P Wilkinson, C Hamara, T Wright.
Referee: K Hackett (Sheffield).


Twist and shout: Cantona, left, contests possession with Mohan, of Middlesbrough, at Old Trafford

Officials agree to idea of kick-ins

BY ADRIAN HOLLOWAY

KICK-INS will replace throw-ins at two international youth tournaments later this year after football's lawmakers agreed to an experiment at their annual general meetings in Hertfordshire on Saturday.

The International Football Association Board (IFAB) will define the conditions of the kick-in later this week, but whatever refinements they produce, the experiment will be greeted with scepticism by managers in the Premier League, all but one of whom have said they are opposed to the idea.

The kick-in will be introduced at the Uefa under-16 tournament in May hosted by Turkey, and will be looked at again three months later in Japan, during Fifa's under-17 competition, the JVC Cup.

Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, proposed the kick-in to improve the game as a spectacle. He said: "It will create more space on the field. At the moment the players are squashed all together in short distances."

There is a recent precedent for an experiment. Two years ago, the IFAB first placed a ban on back-passes to goalkeepers at a Fifa youth tournament in Italy that became integrated into the laws of the game in May 1992.

Although Blatter was keen to stress that the kick-in had no chance of being included in the 1994 World Cup, the IFAB, which comprises equal representation from the four British associations, and from Fifa, also announced changes to the laws which have effect from July 1.

From Law V it deleted the phrase "Nor shall he [the referee] allow coaching from the boundary lines," and introduced a "technical area", (ie the dug-out, where appropriate) from which one designated "coach" will be allowed to shout instructions.

Jim Farry, chief executive of the Scottish FA, explained that it was time to accommodate everyday practice in park and professional football.

He said: "It is permissable for the coach to convey tactical advice to his players but he must conduct himself in a responsible way."

Fifa successfuly sought permission for so-called sudden death, whereby the first goal scored in extra time ends the match, to be employed in the world youth tournament in Australia this month, after its introduction at the Uefa tournament in Germany last year.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Weekly change			P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Recent form
1	(0)	Aston Villa	31	59	+17	17	(11-6)	8	(3-5)	6	(2-4)	48	(31-17)	31	(14-17)	lwlwww
2	(0)	Manchester Utd	30	57	+24	16	(11-5)	9	(3-6)	5	(2-3)	47	(30-17)	23	(11-12)	wlwdww
3	(0)	Norwich	29	52	0	15	(9-6)	7	(5-2)	7	(1-6)	42	(22-20)	42	(13-29)	dwwlwd
4	(+3)	Sheffield Wed	29	46	+7	12	(7-5)	10	(5-5)	7	(3-4)	40	(23-17)	33	(18-15)	wwwwwd
5	(-1)	Blackburn	29	45	+12	12	(9-3)	9	(2-7)	8	(4-4)	42	(27-15)	30	(15-15)	wllwd
6	(-1)	QPR	30	44	+5	12	(7-5)	8	(5-3)	10	(3-7)	41	(28-13)	36	(21-15)	wddwll
7	(-1)	Ipswich	30	44	+4	10	(6-4)	14	(7-7)	6	(1-5)	37	(22-15)	33	(15-18)	wwldwl
8	(+1)	Tottenham	30	44	-2	12	(8-4)	8	(4-4)	10	(4-6)	39	(26-13)	41	(19-22)	lwwwww
9	(+1)	Manchester City	30	43	+9	12	(5-7)	7	(4-3)	11	(5-6)	43	(21-22)	34	(16-18)	wwdllw
10	(-2)	Coventry	30	43	+4	11	(5-6)	10	(3-7)	9	(6-3)	44	(22-22)	40	(18-22)	wwlwld
11	(0)	Arsenal	28	39	+1	11	(6-5)	6	(4-2)	11	(5-6)	26	(16-10)	25	(12-13)	dwllwd
12	(+2)	Southampton	31	39	-1	10	(8-2)	9	(5-4)	12	(3-9)	38	(24-14)	39	(15-24)	wlwwlw
13	(+3)	Leeds	31	39	-4	10	(10-0)	9	(5-4)	12	(1-11)	41	(32-9)	45	(13-32)	ldwldw
14	(-2)	Chelsea	30	37	-6	9	(4-5)	10	(6-4)	11	(5-6)	32	(15-17)	38	(17-21)	dlldll
15	(-2)	Liverpool	29	36	-1	9	(7-2)	9	(4-5)	11	(3-6)	39	(25-14)	40	(14-26)	wddldd
16	(-3)	Wimbledon	30	36	-2	9	(5-4)	9	(4-5)	12	(6-6)	35	(20-15)	37	(19-18)	lwwwwl
17	(0)	Crystal Palace	30	34	-10	8	(4-4)	10	(6-4)	12	(5-7)	36	(17-19)	46	(18-28)	llwwld
18	(0)	Everton	30	33	-8	9	(4-5)	6	(5-1)	15	(6-9)	33	(15-18)	41	(19-22)	wlllld
19	(+1)	Nottm Forest	29	31	-9	8	(5-3)	7	(2-5)	14	(7-7)	29	(12-17)	38	(13-25)	lwdwwl
20	(+1)	Sheffield Utd	30	31	-10	8	(7-1)	7	(5-2)	15	(2-13)	31	(19-12)	41	(10-31)	llwlwl
21	(-2)	Middlesbrough	30	30	-15	7	(6-1)	9	(4-5)	14	(5-9)	37	(22-15)	52	(17-35)	lwllll
22	(0)	Oldham	30	28	-15	7	(6-1)	7	(3-4)	16	(5-11)	40	(25-15)	55	(19-36)	lwllld

TRANSFERS: Richard Lucas (Preston) from Sheffield Utd, £40,000; Frank Bennett (Southampton) from Halesowen, £7,500; Alan Dickens (Brentford) from Chelsea, undisclosed. LOANS: Lee Hodges (Tottenham) to Plymouth; Scott Houghton (Tottenham) to Charlton; Frank Talia (Blackburn) to Hartlepool; Peter Billing (Coventry) to Port Vale.

Oldham seize on Everton's lapses

BY IAN ROSS

THE prospect of surrendering their Premier League status has clearly done little to improve Everton's powers of concentration.

After four consecutive league defeats, a welcome and significant victory over the bottom club, **Oldham Athletic**, seemed assured at Goodison Park as Everton led 2-0 with three minutes to go, courtesy of a penalty by Beardsley and a rare strike by Barlow. However, the champagne had barely been removed from its bucket when Adams, a former Everton player, stroked home a penalty before equalising with a firm volley less than 60 seconds later.

Although Oldham's plight is such that they need victories, not draws, to survive, they will take heart from the fact that they were the only club in the bottom four to collect even a point at the weekend.

Nottingham Forest's recent improved run came to an end at the City Ground, where inconsistent **Manchester City** were found to be in one of their more purposeful moods. Goals by White and Flitcroft separated the sides, but even Brian Clough might acknowledge that City's winning margin should have been bigger.

Sheffield United's reputation as a team that entertains even in defeat was further enhanced at The Dell, where they lost 3-2 to a **Southampton** side that has now won five consecutive home fixtures.

Leeds United's painfully slow climb away from the danger area continued at Elland Road, where they condemned **Ipswich Town** to only their sixth league defeat of the season.

A match of little incident and no great quality was settled 18 minutes from time when Dorigo swept in his first goal of the campaign from the penalty spot.

Graeme Souness's decision to omit Rush, **Liverpool**'s all-time leading goalscorer, from the side which faced **Sheffield Wednesday** at Hillsborough was rewarded with a 1-1 draw.

In denying Wednesday an eighth consecutive league win, Liverpool also succeeded in ending the remarkable run by Warhurst, their central defender turned unwilling striker, who had scored in each of Wednesday's past seven matches.

Rangers count toll for tie in Europe

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MUCH work will need to be carried out in the treatment room before injury-troubled Glasgow Rangers can step out in Europe this week. As Walter Smith, their manager, considers his selection for the tie against FC Bruges in Belgium on Wednesday in the European Champions' League, five of his first-team squad are very doubtful.

Richard Gough, the captain and central defender, and Gary Stevens and Trevor Steven, both England internationals, missed the 3-1 victory over Heart of Midlothian on Saturday and have little chance of playing.

They have been joined in the treatment room by Ian Ferguson, the midfield player, who has a twisted back, and John Brown, who is suffering from a foot problem, after being injured in the match on Saturday.

Smith said: "All five players must be rated very doubtful. We have got problems. I will not know which team to field until shortly before the kick-off. I have got to give them every chance, but at this stage it is not looking good."

That could open the way for Rangers to bring in their youngsters and Neil Murray and Steve Pressley have been included in the squad which will fly out to Belgium on Tuesday.

While Rangers have problems on the pitch, their supporters will be at the centre of one of the strictest security operations ever carried out off the field. The 2,500 who are expected to make the trip will be watched all the way from Scotland to Belgium.

That is not because of fear of trouble from the Rangers followers, but because of the violence that Bruges supporters have been involved in already in Europe. The Belgian club was fined more than £100,000 because of the trouble caused by its supporters at the tie in Marseilles.

Uefa, European football's governing body, first ordered them to play the game against Rangers behind closed doors, but the decision was overturned on appeal. Bruges are struggling at the moment and were jeered from the field by their own supportersat the weekend after they had to come from behind to earn a 3-3 draw with Lommel.

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Cardiff college, the university's biggest, and (inset) Professor Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, the vice-chancellor and also the college principal

A special report on Britain's only 'national' university, by **Iola Smith**

The University of Wales, which celebrates its centenary this year, is unique among British universities. Unlike the redbrick universities founded at the same time in northern England, Wales still comprises six widely separated colleges linked in the original federal system.

The university is second in size only to London, with 25,000 students spread out between Bangor in north Wales, Aberystwyth and Lampeter in the west, and Swansea and Cardiff — which has both the College of Cardiff and the College of Medicine — 200 miles away in the south. Cardiff, with 11,500 students, is the biggest college, followed by Swansea with 7,500.

This geographical diversity and the federal system reinforce the university's position as Britain's only "national" university, representing Wales as a whole. It is one of the few such institutions in Wales, and it regards the safeguarding of academic and cultural standards as a prime task.

The Prince of Wales, the university's chancellor, studied for some time at Aberystwyth to learn Welsh before his formal investiture in 1969. The university, he says, provides "the highest standards of scholarship, teaching and research at the many centres of excellence in its colleges".

The Welsh language is, not surprisingly, one of the university's strengths, and Aberystwyth and Bangor are the two colleges considered to be the leading centres for learning the language. Aberystwyth, the university's first constituent college, was originally financed by people all over Wales, including many of the poor, who saved their pennies to buy a college for their country. The university has acknowledged the debt, and today 32 lecturers are employed at the two colleges specifically to teach more than 500 arts and social studies students in Welsh.

Work has started on an updated dictionary and new Welsh texts. Dr Alan Kemp, the university registrar, says: "We are compiling a definitive Welsh dictionary ready for publication in 1997, and are editing manuscripts of medieval Welsh poems, some of which have never appeared in book form before."

Given its position in the principality, the University of Wales believes that its remit goes beyond culture. It runs to improving its population's health and welfare. As a result, the College of Medicine in Cardiff extends its influence throughout Wales, working with colleagues from the NHS, who sit on its council.

The college is celebrating a centenary of its own this year. Medical education in Wales dates back to 1893, when the first anatomy classes opened in Cardiff. Today's students have work experience placements around the country, so they can gain an insight to the differing medical needs of urban and rural communities.

The university also provides jobs. Cardiff College, born of a merger in 1988 of the city's old University College and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, is the largest private-sector employer in its immediate area, and Aberystwyth also makes an economic contribution to its community, working closely with the neighbouring National Library, the only copyright library in Wales.

"With a staff of 1,200, we are mid-Wales's largest employer, contributing £40 million a year to the local economy," says Professor Kenneth Morgan, the principal of Aberystwyth.

But the university's activities are not confined to those with a purely Welsh application. The University of Wales attracts students from all parts of the UK, as well as many from overseas, drawn by the quality of its courses. The fact of being a minority culture within the UK gives it an international outlook, and much of its work on, for instance, medicine and the environment has worldwide resonance.

Wales takes pride in having a close-knit family atmosphere. As Professor Morgan of Aberystwyth puts it, "The welcome is appreciated by the foreign students, who feel safer here than in faceless institutions. Fourteen per cent of our intake comes from overseas, and the foreign students particularly like being part of a bilingual community."

At Cardiff, students have en-suite bathrooms in their hall of residence rooms. Students short of funds can obtain up to 15 hours' a week paid work from the college.

Youngsters with more exotic tastes can look to Aberystwyth, where a year-out scheme allows them to study marine biology in the Bahamas or to work for chemical companies in Austria as part of their undergraduate courses. As well as seeing the world, they can earn more than £6,000, which is useful in these days of loans and low grants.

Such opportunities make Wales attractive, and the colleges are having to expand. Professor Brian Clarkson, principal of Swansea, says: "Our student population of 7,500 is due to increase to 10,000 in seven years, and 40 new staff are being recruited annually to enable us to cope."

Bangor is attracting more students from non-traditional roots. Professor Eric Sunderland, the principal, explains: "Students without three A-levels do as well as, if not better than, those who have them, so we are about to franchise degree courses to north Wales's further education colleges. Students will spend two years undertaking approved courses at their local college before coming to us for an additional two years."

The greatest change affecting all prospective students, however, will be the switch to modular degrees, which starts next October at Aberystwyth and will eventually extend to the whole university. The intention is to give students a greater choice of subjects. They will work on Open University-style modules, obtaining credits as they finish each one, and over three years they should have accumulated 360, the total needed for a degree.

All these courses are validated by the university, which also has jurisdiction over diploma courses, mainly in business, in six European countries — Spain, Greece, The Netherlands, Germany, Cyprus and the Irish Republic. Students from these countries can go to Wales to upgrade their diploma to a degree.



Students at Cardiff, which has the most research contracts

Each college has autonomy in the development of its research and teaching and all have their own interests

Research contracts bring in valuable income

All the colleges of the University of Wales have autonomy in the handling of their teaching and research, and each has its own specialisms in research. Swansea, for instance, has developed strengths in languages, geography, chemical analysis and engineering.

The college's engineers are collaborating with colleagues in Birmingham on a £10.5 million project to improve the design of industrial components. Rolls-Royce's aero-engines and BP's chemical plant at nearby Baglan are already benefiting.

Swansea has also been selected, in association with an industrial partner, British Steel, to pioneer a course for the new Doctor of Engineering degree, during which postgraduates will undertake industry-based research for the partner company. Aberystwyth has made its name for research in Celtic studies, politics and geology, and Bangor specialises in the environment and psychology.

Lampeter is rather different. It is the newest constituent college of the university because it became a part of it only in 1971. It is Wales's oldest university institution, which was originally established as an Anglican theological college in 1822, and was awarding its own degrees in the 1850s.

Its theological and classical curriculum did not change much until 1971, when it became a constituent college of the university with an orientation towards the arts. The research strengths it now has — in religious studies, rural life and languages — grow out of its past as an Anglican theological college based in a bilingual community in rural Wales.

Cardiff, the largest college, has the highest number of research contracts and grants. Nine hundred projects are being completed in departments as diverse as engineering, planning and English. The college is generating £50 million from its research programmes, £13 million of which were obtained last year.

Cardiff is now "on a strong rising curve", according to Sir Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, the principal, who is also the vice-chancellor of the university, a position that rotates between the college principals. Sir Aubrey sees sound finances and a good infrastructure as the keys to success. "We have spent £100 million on improving our buildings", he says, "so that we have one of the best university estates in the UK. Our £30 million engineering complex is the first of its kind designed to accommodate robots and microchips".

In percentage terms, however, the College of Medicine is the biggest earner among the colleges. "Almost a third of our income — £10 million of a total £33 million — is obtained from research contracts," Professor Herbert Duthie, the provost, says. "It is a practical example of our research standing."

With teaching and research firmly in the hands of the colleges, the university itself is fostering inter-college collaboration by establishing joint research teams and co-ordinating teaching wherever possible. "In physics, for example, students at Cardiff, Swansea and Aberystwyth follow a common third-year course," says Sir John Meurig Thomas, the university's deputy pro-chancellor. "Staff from Cardiff and Swansea contribute to Bangor's chemistry course, and the four colleges provide a joint consultancy service in rural science."

Such initiatives are often co-ordinated at Gregynog Hall, the university's residential conference centre in Powys. Gregynog also has one of Britain's best small private presses, whose handmade fine art books are internationally renowned for their design.

For staff unable to meet in person, new video-conferencing studios have recently been established in each college. Students can also use the conferencing equipment to follow simultaneously lectures being delivered in a sister college. The new link was launched before Christmas, when Sir Michael Atiyah, the president of the Royal Society, lectured to the six colleges.

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Encouraging a European outlook

Colleges hope students will take an interest in the outside world

The University of Wales encourages an international outlook in its students, since they will be living in a multi-cultural world. The colleges of Swansea and Cardiff, for instance, encourage business and engineering students to study modern languages alongside their main disciplines, while Lampeter and Aberystwyth use their bilingual hinterland to develop a European outlook.

"Wales's experience of subtitling television programmes has led us to develop a facility that is available to Portuguese, Spanish and German television companies," says Professor Keith Robins, the principal of Lampeter.

"As Wales has a minority language, we are studying how other minority cultures survive in Europe. And as the only college in Wales that teaches Swedish, we are particularly interested in the way that Finland's minority Swedish-speaking population co-exist with their Finnish-speaking neighbours."

At Aberystwyth, the bilingual dimension has led to a specialism in Celtic languages. Breton, Irish and Cornish can be studied alongside Welsh.

In contrast, Cardiff has chosen to look east. It has capitalised on Wales's position as the leading European region for inward investment by Japanese manufacturing companies by establishing a Japanese centre. There, students can both learn the Japanese language and study Japan's business culture.

> 'We study other minority cultures'

Of all the Welsh colleges, Swansea is the one that has done most to give a European dimension to its whole curriculum. "We are opening a new law department in October, and that will focus on European as well as British law," says Professor Brian Clarkson, the principal. "The European component will be taught by colleagues from our partner university at Mannheim.

"Mannheim is also participating in our unique pan-European regional management course. For the first time, postgraduate business students from Wales and our four partner regions in Europe — Baden-Württemberg, Lombardy, Catalonia and Rhône-Alpes — come together to study the socio-economic needs and strengths of Europe's regions."

Aberystwyth focuses on world politics. The college's international politics department, the oldest and largest such department in the United Kingdom, is monitoring global trouble spots. "Sixty students have recently spent three days at Gregynog — the university's conference centre in Powys — re-enacting the Bosnian conflict," Professor John Dayliss says.

Medical studies break new ground

The university's College of Medicine has pioneered research in genetics, immunity and forensic science

Health is one of the university's strengths, particularly at the College of Medicine, where fundamental research is carried out in many areas of medicine and dentistry.

The most recent breakthrough is in genetics, where research has identified the gene that causes myotonic dystrophy. The geneticists are also unravelling the causes of mental illness, by working to establish how far there is a genetic factor in schizophrenia and depression.

Prolonging the life of people with Aids is another priority, according to Lezcek Borysiewicz, the professor of medicine. "We know that the body's immune system can withstand the disease for a while, but it gives in when it can't keep pace with the infection. We want to strengthen the immune system."

Arthritis patients and leukaemia victims could also benefit from the college's research. Biochemists are investigating cellular changes in joints that lead to rheumatoid arthritis, while haemotologists are studying the changes in blood that can result in leukaemia.

In the dentistry area, forensic science and the treatment of facial injuries are among the college's specialisms. The casualties of crime are among the commonest facial injury cases. "Many are the results of cuts inflicted by glass," says Professor Graham Embery. "We're calling for beer glasses to be made of plastic so that they cannot be turned into lethal weapons during fights."

Unknown murder and disaster victims can be identified using the college's techniques. "We can construct facial pictures from unrecognisable remains," says Professor Embery.

The college's school of nursing has satellite departments in North and West Wales and is also engaged in training nurses overseas.

The college has set out to convert its research into marketable products and a Medicentre has just been established on the campus to accommodate new businesses. The college is a partner in the Welsh Medical Technology Forum, which brings together the health service and health care companies to discuss areas of common interest.

There is also collaboration between the College of Medicine and Cardiff college. Together with Cardiff's department of pharmacy, the College of Medicine has established a wound management centre to speed up the healing process after surgery.

In a project for the European Community in partnership with Cardiff's English department, and academics from France, Denmark and The Netherlands, the college is evaluating how much a patient's quality of life can improve after treatment.

Psychologists and sociologists from Bangor and Swansea are also contributing to Britain's debate on community care. Bangor's sociologists are collaborating with seven European countries to compare the socio-economic effects of ageing, while their colleagues in Swansea are working to improve the quality of life for mentally handicapped young people.

Bangor's psychologists are unusual in that they combine part-time lecturing with professional appointments in the NHS. "This experience gives extra insight into conditions such as depression, autism and drug dependence," says Professor Fergus Lowe.

Involvement with patients is not limited to their health service work however. "Our college-based human movement laboratory enables us to offer therapy to stroke, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's patients who have difficulty in getting around," Professor Lowe says.

At the other end of the age range, the department is studying children's diets to discover how friends influence the likes and dislikes of five and six-year-olds.

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Child's play: Dr Graham Shortland demonstrates examination techniques on a young patient to senior medical students on the paediatric ward at the College of Medicine in the University of Wales Hospital in Cardiff

African crops to oil slicks

The range of ecological work spans research, design and practical aid

Environmental issues rank high on the University of Wales's agenda. Bangor, for instance, with the Menai Straits and Snowdonia National Park on its doorstep, has, unsurprisingly, become a centre of excellence in environmental science. Its Arid Zone Centre seeks to improve Third World agriculture and reduce famine in the world's desert regions.

The college has found a crop that is suited to African countries because it can withstand heat and salinity: a strain of salt-tolerant Russian wheat. It is also helping to develop plantations in many parts of the Third World, with the aim of growing crops and fruit trees on the same land.

For the UK, Bangor's agriculture department is studying the long-term effects of fall-out from the Chernobyl nuclear power station in Snowdonia, while its school of oceanography is monitoring pollution around the UK coast.

"During the Shetlands oil disaster, we predicted the spread of the slick," says Professor Ernest Naylor. "Our computer models gauge the spread of slicks according to wind and tidal conditions."

Exploring for oil is Aberystwyth's specialism. The college's Institute of Earth Sciences analyses the fossilised remains of minute animals and plants to date geological strata. This information helps oil companies choose the best sites for prospecting.

Professor David Bowen says: "We are also researching climatology. With the United States Geological Survey, we are evaluating today's climate by comparing it with that of three million years ago when the earth was warmer."

Swansea, home of the UK's largest university mass spectrometry unit, is monitoring the safety of food.

Dr Gareth Brenton explains: "Together with eight other European laboratories, we're investigating contaminants in meat of the European Community. We check that food labels are correct, and measure the amount of chemicals present in samples, such as caffeine levels in tea leaves."

Cardiff is a leader in solar energy research

Cardiff's engineering school is a leading design centre for solar energy equipment; and has received an £850,000 commission from the Egyptian Energy Authority to design a solar energy research centre in Cairo.

Egypt is embarking on a large energy conservation programme, and is installing solar energy equipment in public buildings. The school has previously completed smaller schemes of this kind in Syria, the Caribbean and central Asia.

Lampeter is based in a country town and, as a result, rural life is the focus of its environmental research. "Our geographers are investigating accessibility and public transport problems," says Professor Keith Robins, the principal. "They are also studying village life, and evaluating the effects of losing amenities such as shops and schools."

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EDUCATION

Inspecting in five easy stages

The private teams that will inspect schools from September will include lay members. Ben Preston watched them being trained


STEPHEN MARKESON

Watch carefully: Alan Gibson, tutor, with Ann Age and Eric Huntley — exceptions among the white, male intake

The ironies of the brave new world of school inspection are not lost on Jeremy Thorn. "This must be unique an occupation where the sole qualification is ignorance," he says, sipping coffee on the fourth day of a five-day training course which will qualify him for the job of inspector of schools.

Mr Thorn, 42, is a freelance training consultant with no working experience in education. He is also a key component in the new free-market inspection machine, designed to transform a profession targeted by right-wing critics as a sleepy bastion of the old education establishment. After 150 years Her Majesty's Inspectorate is being swept away. In its place, from September, will come freelance private teams, competing for contracts to inspect all 24,000 state schools in England every four years. Each team must, by law, include one lay inspector as a guarantor of the break with the past.

Mr Thorn is one such amateur. His role — as detailed by Kenneth Clarke, who conceived the reforms as education secretary — is seemingly straightforward. He should speak for the consumer and inject "commonsense" into jargon-free reports, summaries of which will be sent to parents. The political subtext is tougher: lay inspectors should help break the stranglehold on schools of stifling, progressive orthodoxies.

The new system is being winched rapidly into place by the new watchdog, the Office of Standards in Education (Ofsted). It is busy recruiting and training experienced inspectors — mostly former HMI and local authority inspectors — who as registered team leaders will bid for contracts. These are expected to be worth between £5,000 for small primaries to more than £30,000 for large comprehensives.

> An occupation where the sole qualification is ignorance

The task of recruiting lay inspectors has not proved difficult. More than 4,000 applications have flowed from an advertising campaign last July, even though aspirants have no idea how often they can expect to work or how much they will be paid. The first 1,000 lay inspectors will complete regional training courses by Easter.

At the Roehampton Institute, southwest London, the mood among 48 lay trainees is buoyant and enthusiastic. For a handful, it is the first time they have been back in a classroom since schooldays. At one point in a lecture, sweets are handed around slyly — the trainees are like errant schoolchildren.

Who are these harbingers of commonsense? Ofsted is already appealing for more women and ethnic minorities to come forward. Mr Clarke's butcher, the baker and candlestick-maker are notable by their absence. Although secretaries and police constables have applied, management consultants, accountants and even nuclear scientists are more common. The typical trainee is a middle-class man in his mid-to-late 50s. A recent casualty of recession, after redundancy or early retirement, he wants to fill his time productively and quietly welcomes the chance of earning some money.

The course, constructed by Ofsted but contracted out to new private consultancies staffed mostly by former HMIs, treads a thin line — trying to teach novices how to contribute, without turning their distinctive voices into poor impersonations of skilled professionals. It aims to introduce lay inspectors to the exacting new framework by which schools must be assessed and to the professional methodology of finding evidence to support all judgments. "Ofsted gives them a set of pretty objective criteria," says Alan Gibson, who is co-ordinating three courses for Crown Education Associates.

Trainees spend their first day being lectured about recent education reforms, the national curriculum and the new inspection system. On day two, they learn to glean evidence from school brochures and policy statements and compare the performance of individual schools using reams of local and national data. They are taught how to observe and report on lessons by watching a video of teachers in action. The centrepiece is a school visit on the third day. Then trainees spend their last two days recording their findings and learning how to produce team reports. Trainees are assessed in five exercises testing their judgment and communication skills, but fewer than 10 per cent are expected to fail.

> Governors are bound to be sympathetic to teachers

The most striking feature of the lay inspectorate in training is the proportion who have been school governors — ten out of 12 in one group at Roehampton. Elaine Parrish, a recently appointed governor and magistrate, says this will inevitably prove important: "Governors are bound to be sympathetic to teachers and I am sure we will not be as critical as we would be if we were not completely divorced from the profession. It's hard not to sympathise with teachers overburdened by national curriculum paperwork and heads stymied by local management of schools."

Only 1,000 secondary schools will be inspected in the first year, before the new system gears up to tackle primary schools from September next year. This means that few lay inspectors will work in more than one school in the next 18 months. The likelihood is that a minority will establish themselves with local teams and grab the lion's share of work. Prospective lay inspectors are already concerned about their position in a system ruled by registered inspectors. Already, lay trainees are taking steps to form an association to guarantee a uniform rate of pay and ensure they are not sidelined in the least important areas of inspection.

For Mr Thorn, the greatest danger is that, once established, the lay inspectorate will become so socialised into the system the inspectors will lose their value. "The challenge", he says, "is to retain our ignorance."

Down with video. Now read on . . .

Seductive and ubiquitous, the moving image is in danger of stifling the written word

VIEWPOINT

Susan Elkin



The video wave has swept too far. It bears a large responsibility for the declining interest in reading among the young. If we don't do something to stem the tide, the reading impulse will soon be drowned.

At secondary level most children have already grasped the elementary principles of reading. The phonics-versus-"real"-books argument is usually over. The vital thing now is to *develop* reading ability.

The time-honoured way of improving reading is by reading fiction. Everyone, psychologists tell us, needs stories. Cavemen told them round their fires. Mythologies and folk stories have been passed between generations for centuries and, until recently, the Bible was a colourful source of narrative experience — Cain and Abel is as thrilling a tale as any modern novel. Most of us are literate and in theory our fictional needs could be satisfied by reading.

But it's not so. Today's generation of average and below average school children generally rely on video, television and film. While many of these offerings may be harmless in themselves, they do nothing to build up reading skills. They are displacing the consolidatory work which turns halting mechanical readings into the real thing. If some of the hours children spend watching television were devoted to reading, the population would be better educated.

Watching a story is a totally passive pastime. Someone else has made all the decisions about casting, set, clothing, facial expressions, tone and so on. Reading a story is an active partnership between writer and reader. Ideas are sketched and the mind of the reader creates the rest.

Why is dramatised fiction usurping the written kind? It is because children whose reading is hesitant cannot readily identify and enjoy the plot. Watching something is easier. This is leading to a generation whose mental processes are too often stultified.

The problem is that many children read very slowly. I worry, for instance, about children who carry the same 100-page book about with them for a fortnight. I meet them daily. They conscientiously decode a page or two in an English period and about the same again for homework. It is hardly surprising that such children then declare that they find reading boring and prefer to watch television. Their difficulty is not reading the words — it is interpreting them. They need to be able to read fast enough to feed the mind's hunger for a story.

That means practice. Only by reading daily will a child become a strong and independent reader. Parents need to be convinced of the importance of preventing their children wasting their hours on inert viewing. Without the television the child is likely to turn to books for entertainment. I am reminded of the girl who was taken by her parents to St Lucia for three weeks. "I read four books, Miss," she told me proudly on her return. "There was no TV so I had nothing else to do."

What can schools do? There should be a period set aside for silent sustained reading every day for every child. Teachers should do it at the same time. Reading must be presented as essential. Books and their importance need to be given a high profile. That means libraries, classroom collections and school bookshops.

I used to think that filmed versions of enjoyable books were a spur to reading. I have changed my mind. Visual images drown the imagination. A dramatisation, seen once, can spoil your reading for ever. The pleasure of a vibrant book like *The Darling Buds of May*, almost Keatsian in its sensuality, is destroyed by a glimpse of the flat and rather boring ITV account.

So now I focus all teaching of and about fiction on books. Videos of *Pride and Prejudice*, *To Kill a Mocking Bird* and *Watership Down* gather dust in the back of the cupboard.

Dramatised fiction is the literary equivalent of empty calories. It replaces the appetite for real food. Our children must have a nutritionally balanced reading diet.

● *Susan Elkin teaches English at a Kent secondary school.*

Busman's holiday at Easter

With exams looming, holiday revision courses are becoming both more respectable and more useful

Next month up to 10,000 young people will sacrifice part of their Easter holidays to go on revision courses to prepare to face GCSE or A levels.

Until recently, such courses were treated with healthy scepticism by most schools. The suspicion was that parents were wasting hundreds of pounds on inadequate programmes at second-rate crammers.

Attitudes are changing, however, as the evidence mounts that the better courses often do lead to an improvement in grades. The problem is how to be sure that you are choosing one of those courses, rather than the sub-standard versions that still appear each Easter.

There are still (possibly apocryphal) stories of proprietors scouring Oxford college bars to recruit postgraduates to act as tutors on hastily prepared courses. But the pitfalls are now sufficiently well-known and the variety of providers sufficiently wide for most parents to avoid these.

Not only to a number of the tutorial colleges have well-established reputations for revision courses, but some independent schools have now given the final seal of approval for Easter revision by putting on their own programmes. Uppingham, Millfield and Wellington College are all running courses this year.

Robin Schlich, the director of Uppingham's course, says: "We started last year because we realised there were quite a few rogue operators around, and more of our own pupils than we had imagined were going off to other courses. As a boarding school, we obviously have a lot of experience to bring to residential programmes like these."

Uppingham is charging £400 for a one-week course, and is not short of takers. The school's own staff are not heavily involved because the Easter holiday is shorter than usual, but subjects are being offered only where a tutor well known to the school is available. English and history, two of the most popular A-level subjects, are not running for this reason, and all tutors are named and described in the course brochure.

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Study period: courses cover a range of subjects

Mr Schlich says: "It is vital to give as much information as possible because there are good courses around, but others are pretty awful. It can be very difficult for parents to tell the difference. They all look very much the same on the surface."

Mr Schlich suggests a five-point checklist for parents:

● Does the prospectus give both a timetable and a clear statement of what is to be covered?

● Are students asked to identify in advance the aspects of a subject in which they need help?

● Does the prospectus give the names and qualifications of tutors?

● Do courses claiming to be "residential" explain what arrangements are made outside working hours? Students should have access to help with individual problems, the opportunity to work undisturbed and be supervised by responsible adults.

● Is the price clearly stated, inclusive of VAT?

At least one college has gone even further to provide a guarantee of quality. The Davies Laing and Dick College, in west London, brought in Stuart Andrews, a former headmaster of Clifton College, to give an external assessment of last year's Easter revision courses. He has since produced a detailed report, and is repeating the exercise this year.

As well as observing tuition taking place and distributing questionnaires to gauge students' views of their course, Mr Andrews followed up with visits to some of the students' schools. Almost all of the students were enthusiastic about Easter revision, and although few teachers predicted higher grades as a result of attending courses, most noted a rise in self-confidence.

Fears of a squeeze on university places, leading to higher entry grades, has increased demand for this year's A-level revision courses. Schools and colleges report strong interest in the sciences, economics and French in particular, from across the ability range.

Peter Boorman, DLD's principal, says: "Students are as likely to be heading for an A as an E. The competition for places in medicine, veterinary science or dentistry is so intense that even some high-fliers want to make the most of their time at Easter."

Collingham, Brown and Brown, in Oxford, which have run revision courses for more than 20 years, divide their students into two types: the organised fifth or sixth-former who needs specific help with part of a syllabus, and those who "hope to remedy in two or three weeks the lack of output of two years".

Carolyn Llewelyn, Collingham's principal, says little can be done for the second group. "The reiteration of syllabus material shortly before the examination can have at best a minimal effect on examination performance."

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report March 1 1993 — Court of Appeal

Effect of repeal of section

Regina v Folkestone Justices, Ex parte Kibble

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Owen

[Reasons February 17]

Justices erred in holding that offences contrary to section 58 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 could have been committed after that section had been repealed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, giving reasons for allowing, on February 16, an application for a writ of *mandamus* directing Folkestone Justices to find the applicant, Rochelle Kibble, not guilty of two offences of contravening the requirements of a noise abatement notice, contrary to section 58(4) of the 1974 Act.

Section 16 of the Interpretation Act 1978 provides: "(1) ... where an Act repeals an enactment, the repeal does not, unless the contrary intention appears ... (c) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under that enactment..."

Mr Gregory Treverton-Jones for the applicant; Mr Simon Russen for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE OWEN said that the applicant had challenged the validity of the informations laid against her.

Section 58(4) of the 1974 Act had been repealed by section 162(2) of and Schedule 16 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with effect from January 1, 1991, six months before the offences had allegedly been committed. However, on December 14, 1990 a notice had been served on the applicant under section 58(1) requiring her to prevent noise escaping from her premises.

The court had been referred to the history of noise nuisance legislation. The Noise Abatement Act 1960, which had made noise a statutory nuisance, had been repealed by the 1974 Act but section 58(9) of the 1974 Act had preserved the validity of notices served under the 1960 Act.

Section 58 of the 1974 Act had now been repealed in its entirety and although the 1990 Act contained some transitional provisions there were no relevant ones such as in the 1974 Act. In the 1990 Act a similar offence had been created, with increased penalties, a maximum of £20,000 compared to the previous £400.

Ignoring the provisions of the Interpretation Act 1978, it appeared to his Lordship that if section 58 of the 1974 Act had been repealed there could not be an offence against it.

Was that affected by the 1978 Act? It might be said that an obligation had accrued here under the 1974 Act by reason of the service of the notice but that would seem to his Lordship to be an artificial construction.

The court had not been referred to any closely relevant case to indicate what was the true construction of section 16(1)(c) but it was certainly possible that the words "right, privilege, obligation or liability" were terms more appropriate to the civil law and were not suitable to cover obligations breach of which could lead to criminal prosecution.

With considerable hesitation, his Lordship would be prepared to say that the terms of section 16 did not serve to make the applicant guilty of the two offences alleged. However, that was to deal with the consequences of the Interpretation Act before considering whether it actually applied. There was no question of section 16 being of avail "if the contrary intention appears".

In his Lordship's judgment, what was decisive was the fact that section 58(9) of the 1974 Act had expressly saved notices given under the 1960 Act. If Parliament had thought that the Interpretation Act would have preserved the offence it would not have included that section.

The fact that there was no saving provision for section 58 of the 1974 Act was significant and indicated an intention to abandon the old procedure and start afresh with the new procedure and the increased penalty.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's judgment "the contrary intention" did appear and section 16 was of no avail to the prosecution.

Lord Justice Watkins delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Worthington Edridge Hulme & Co, Folkestone; Mr R. J. Thompson, Folkestone.

Arbitration clause can survive

Harbour Assurance Co (UK) Ltd v Kansa General International Insurance Co Ltd

Before Lord Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment January 28]

There was no binding authority in English law for the proposition that an arbitrator could not have jurisdiction to decide whether the contract containing the arbitration clause was void for illegality.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants, Kansa General International Insurance Company Ltd, from an order of Mr Justice Steyn on July 16, 1991, in an action brought by Harbour Insurance Company Ltd, dismissing an application by the defendants for a stay of the action under section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Stephen Ruttle for the defendants; Mr Andrew Longmore, QC and Mr Timothy Saloman for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the plaintiffs claimed, *inter alia*, that certain insurance policies made by way of obligatory quota share retrocession, for the years 1980 to 1984, entered into with the defendants, which contained an arbitration clause, were void and that the plaintiffs were not liable in respect of them.

On the application of the defendants for a stay of execution under section 1 of the 1975 Act, Mr Justice Steyn held that the principle of the separability of the arbitration clause or agreement from the contract in which it was contained, existed in English law and that, provided the arbitration clause itself was not directly impeached, the arbitration agreement was capable of surviving the invalidity of the contract, so that the arbitrator could have jurisdiction under the clause to determine the initial validity of the contract.

To his evident regret, however, he was driven to hold that the principle of separability could not apply when the alleged ground of invalidity of the contract was initial illegality: see *David Taylor & Son Ltd v Barnett Trading Co* ([1953] 1 WLR 562).

His Lordship would uphold the reasoning and conclusions of Mr Justice Steyn on all aspects of his judgment save for his final conclusion that he was bound by the decision in *Taylor*, that case could properly be distinguished and he would therefore allow the appeal and stay the proceedings.

The policy consideration which was of the greatest weight was what the judge had called the imperative of giving effect to the wishes of the parties unless there were compelling reasons of principle why that was not possible.

It was said for the plaintiffs that the orthodox view was that based on the logic of the proposition that nothing could come from nothing. That did not depend on the terms of the contract but asserted that if the containing contract was void *ab initio*, an arbitration clause within it was also void.

It followed that if the logical argument was applied according to its terms, the intention of the parties could be thwarted, even if, on its true construction, the clause showed that, not only that the dispute was within those agreed to be referred, but also that the clause was intended to survive the validity of the contract. Such a view should be abandoned if the court was free to do so, notwithstanding the endorsement of it by some many authorities and judges!

His Lordship did not accept the judge's view of the decision in *Taylor*. It was clear that it was not argued, and the court did not address the proposition, that although the contract was admittedly unlawful, the arbitrator did or did not have jurisdiction to decide whether it was unlawful. The decision was not one on the point before the court.

After a review of other authorities his Lordship had read much that had encouraged him to reach his conclusion and nothing to suggest that in doing so he would be ignoring any substantial matter of policy or departing from any principle which should form part of the common law.

Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Hoffmann gave concurring judgments.

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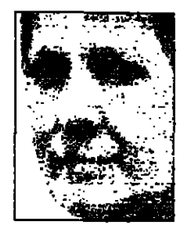
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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on Alan Bleasdale's new play; **Jeremy Kingston** on a fine Aids drama

One step up from anarchy

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Nothing could better describe **On the Ledge**, the play that follows. The author of *The Boys from the Blackstuff* and *GBH* has taken time away from the television studios in order to write a full-bodied "anachry". When the word hits the dictionaries, the definition will go something like this: *Anachry, n.* Work of drama that contrives simultaneously to be realistic, unrealistic, funny, sombre, silly, sententious, coherent and incoherent, in the interests of demonstrating that the world, esp. Merseyside, is a wild, lawless place.

Bleasdale has a list of modest stage successes on his curriculum vitae: *Are You Lonesome Tonight?*, his tribute to Elvis; *It's a Madhouse*, about life in a madhouse; *Having a Ball*, about ditto in a vasectomy clinic. But their quirky humour hardly prepared us for the dour brilliance of *Blackstuff* or, for that matter, for that gritty story of civic hanky-panky, *GBH*. Similarly, those who know him only on the small screen will be surprised by the comic chaos of *On the Ledge*, should they catch Robin Lefevre's ebulliently acted production at Nottingham Playhouse or, from late April, at the National in London. Could the same author possibly have created all those plays?

Of course he could. *On the Ledge* is just another way of mourning what he sees as the inexorable decline of his home town, Liverpool. Indeed, it may be seen as the satyr-play that follows the solemn, serious stuff, a gaudy coda to *GBH* itself. Bleasdale began work on a dramatic piece about what he called "the almost total lack of decency and respect for others in our society today" as long ago as 1985. But the corrupt council leader at its centre demanded to be treated in more documentary a style. What remained has gradually evolved into the latest and most adventurous of the growing number of collaborations between the National and regional reps: *On the Ledge* itself.

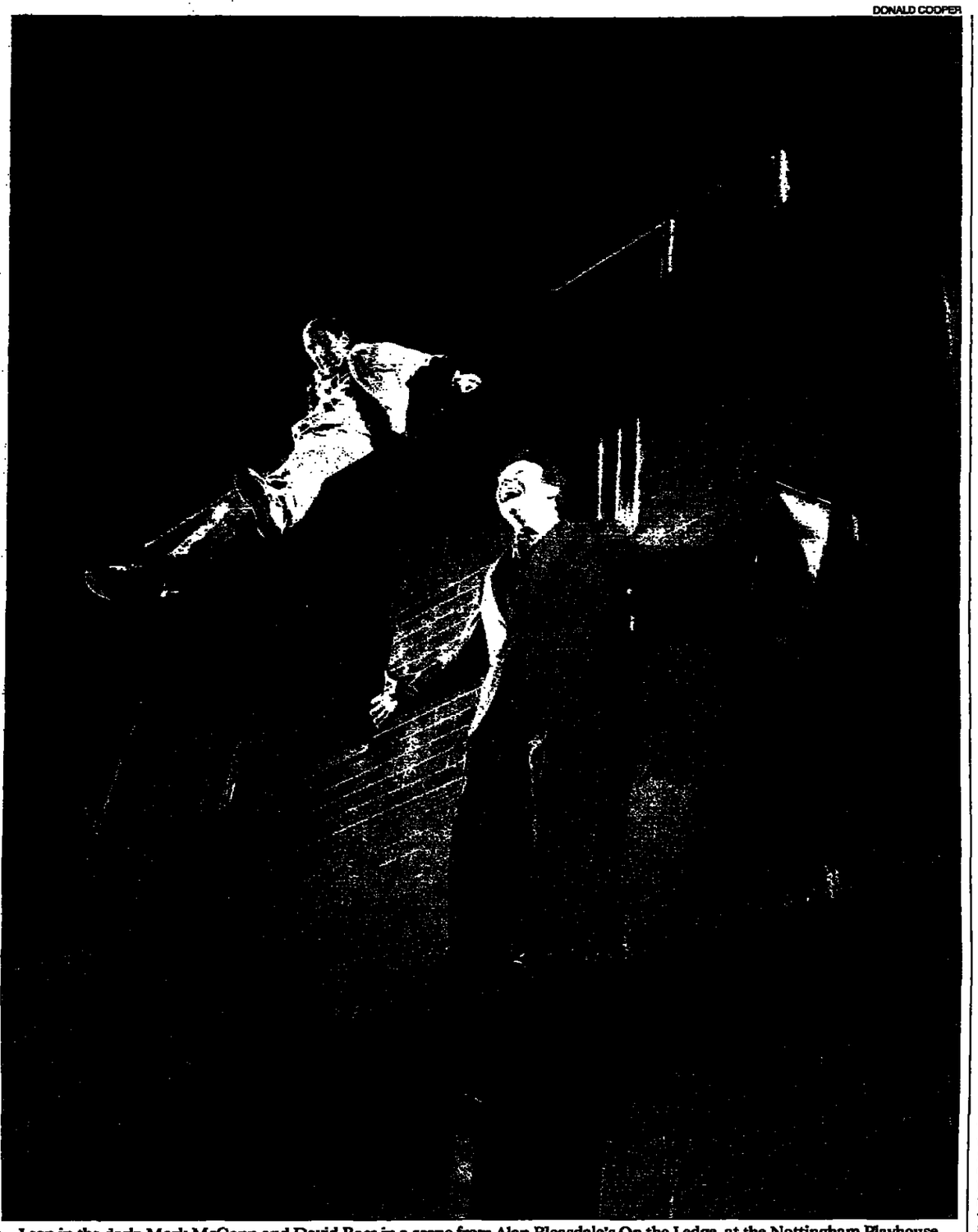
The title is a double-entendre, but also to be taken literally. The cast is always on the emotional edge and often on one of the long ledges that run below the mostly boarded-up windows of William *Dudley's concrete carbuncle. But* only one character is suicidal and certifiable. Man-on-Ledge, as the dolefully Kafka-esque figure played by David Ross is called, variously attributes his Angst to the decay of moral principle, the prevalence of bad language, and (a nice, Bleasdalish touch) the inevitability of death. But apart from jumping, and landing on the head of the grumpy fireman (Gary Olsen) trying to lure him into a hoist, he adds little to the action.

> On the Ledge is another way of mourning the decline of Liverpool

The plot, such as it is, mainly involves Mal (Dearbhla Molloy), an estate agent who has incriminating papers belonging to a thuggish developer (Jimmy Mulville). She slips out of her window when he sends his heavies after her, and is joined there by the graffiti artists, who have offended the same bully-boys by dropping a can of paint on their car. With the father of one of Mal's children (Christopher Ryan) coming to her rescue, the bad guys following him, and even the fireman taking momentary refuge from rioters below, the ledges are sometimes as crowded as the M25 on a Bank Holiday.

Do not look for logic or consistency of convention here. On these ledges, characters seem to come or go, saunter easily or shrink in fear of falling, for no better reason than Bleasdale feels like having them do so. Nor is there much of the tension that even madcap farce needs if it is to thrive. We never believe that either gravity or human evil could inflict anything very awful on these people. Yet cumulatively the odd-ball observation does its work. The feeling is the Irish one, transposed to Liverpool: the situation is critical but not serious.

DONALD COOPER



Leap in the dark: Mark McGann and David Ross in a scene from Alan Bleasdale's On the Ledge, at the Nottingham Playhouse

That may not be quite what Bleasdale means to suggest. Probably the bangs and helicopters and awesome police warnings are meant to remind us of the riots in Toxteth in 1981, when despairing citizens torched their own homes. Certainly, we are supposed to cheer when Mal calls Liverpool "a place where cowboys can become kings" and wince when the property magnate promises to "rebuild these hovels at a price, and then they can burn them down again". But it is the zany invention and offbeat humour that most people will remember. At times the late Brendan Behan seems to have been dug up in order to free-associate about the city to which, as it happened, *he once came on an* IRA bombing mission.

"No way of coming up for seconds with a slight limp," is the fireman's warning to a would-be suicide who, once rescued, does in fact climb back up. Indeed, he walks around his ledge reading suggestive newspaper cuttings: "I'm sorry to return to the subject of premature ejaculation, but my post-bag is full of it." Some of the fun is purposeful, but a lot pretty irrelevant. *Why does one of the graffiti* boys suddenly get worried that the other is homosexual? Must the fireman, asked if he has a weakness, really reply "yes, I'm an Everton supporter"?

Bleasdale once said that, while his friend and fellow Liverpudlian Willy Russell wrote plays about people who wanted to escape, his subject was "staying behind and going mad". Whatever its faults, *On the Ledge* is a good illustration *of that. For Bleasdale, life in* Liverpool means precariously surviving on the margins —and what is more precarious, or more marginal, than crazily teetering on a ledge?

Waltzing as time runs out

This moving and astonishing play, entitled **The Baltimore Waltz**, reimagines the death of a young man by taking him on a journey through a comic fantasy of Europe. Five years ago, Paula Vogel's brother invited her to accompany him on a voyage of discovery to the continent they had never visited. Not knowing that he was dying of Aids, she said no. Last year her play, telling of the journey that might have been, but embracing much more, won an off-Broadway award. Now it receives its European premiere at the Harrogate Theatre.

The woman, here called Anna, sits waiting on a hospital chair. A bed is hidden behind dazzling white curtains. Carl, her brother, comes to sit beside her and they are joined by an earnest doctor who questions *her*, because in Vogel's play it is the woman who is ill. She teaches, and one of her five-year-olds has unwittingly passed on the *affliction our mothers all warned us* we would catch if we used public lavatories: Acquired Toilet Disease.

There is no cure for ATD, but a strange doctor in Vienna is working on something. So brother and sister set off for a Hollywood Europe, where the Parisian waiter is charming in bed, the Dutch boy puts his thumb in the dyke, Harry Lime takes Carl up on the Ferris Wheel, and the wild-haired scientist can barely control his Nazi-saluting hand.

Vogel's subtle control over these conceits interweaves fragments of pastiche, all the right music and scraps from foreign phrase-books that guide the dialogue into areas of anxiety. For the anguish is never forgotten. The creative gusto goes hand-in-hand or, rather, feeling-in-feeling with the play's and our awareness of its inspiration: grief for someone loved and gone. Like so many of the plays that focus on Aids, naturalism is abandoned for fantasy, where nightmare and daydream share the same voice.

Securing the European premiere was a coup for Harrogate's director, Andrew Manley, and his production honours the play. The scenes flow gracefully; due weight is given to moments when sorrow steals into the jesting. The relative heights of Sara Markland and Damien Goodwin, her head only reaching his shoulder, adds poignancy to their hugging. Her quiet voice is vibrant with fore-knowledge, his jauntier tones edged with unease.

Vincent Franklin, after his spirited playing of all the aproned, clog-hopping, leather-jacketed, Einstein-haired Europeans, becomes a Baltimore doctor when reality cracks the dreaming. It would be presumptuous to maintain that the play is affirmative. But *its cathartic value is hardly in* dispute. Glimpsed finally within the hospital curtains, a brother and sister are forever waltzing.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TELEVISION: Doctor Finlay reopens his casebook on Friday in a new series. **Gillian Bowditch** considers the medical history

No cure for a hopeless case of nostalgia

The problem with televising, and thus glamorising, the medicine of the 1940s is that it is as difficult to stomach in the 1990s as unctuous red cough mixtures in old-fashioned glass bottles. It is hard to defend the narrow benches in dank waiting rooms bereft of magazines, to say nothing of the arrogant men in white coats dispensing pills and advice with a quasi-divine authority.

When the BBC first screened its tremendously popular series *Dr Finlay's Casebook* in the 1960s, GPs with the arrogance of Bill Simpson's Dr Finlay and the crustiness of Andrew Cruickshank's Dr Cameron were as common as rhinovirus. The aura surrounding the medical establishment was real. People deferred to their GPs who had power and magic. *Dr Finlay's Casebook* benefited from these attitudes and from the dearth of medical programmes on the television screens of the 1960s. It contrasted well with the likes of *Dr Kildare*, the suave American doctor who saved lives on a knife edge week in week out. By comparison, *Dr Finlay's Casebook had an* earthiness about it.

In the last 30 years the number of television programmes dealing with medical subjects has grown like an unchecked tumour. Babies have been born on screen. Heart surgery has been carried out in front rooms up and down the country. While doctors still have a high standing in some parts of society, GPs nowadays are expected to take a more human form. The influence of alternative medicine has led many to question the automatic authority of the doctor, and the medical establishment itself has placed more emphasis on patient choice, an alien concept to the Dr Finlays of the 1940s.

The shift in attitudes to medicine is a real challenge for the producers of Scottish Television's new £3.5 million six-part series, *Dr Finlay*, the first episode of which is broadcast on Friday. The answer, according to the makers, was to give the new series a harder edge. But despite the blatant nostalgia — plump, freckle-faced children wear flat caps, ration books abound, and sandwich spread is made of parsnips with banana flavouring — Dr Finlay is not quite able to overcome the cynicism of the baby-boom generation.



Medical ménage: (from left) Annette Crosbie, David Rintoul, Jason Flemyng and Ian Bannen star in the new *Doctor Finlay*

Dr Finlay himself, played in the new series by David Rintoul, is an unsympathetic character of breath-taking arrogance who, after an unsuccessful operation, thrusts a bloodied white coat into the arms of a conveniently placed nurse and strides off towards demobilisation from the army without so much as a backward glance.

He does not seem to give two boots for anyone's feelings, be they the local bank manager or his former fiancée. "It would never have worked," she tells him as she breaks off the engagement. "Yes it would," says the doctor, as if he were making a medical diagnosis of some certainty.

Ian Bannen gives a good performance as the crusty, crafty Dr Cameron: all connivance, three-piece suit and whisky bottle. The biggest surprise is Annette Crosbie's interpretation of Janet MacPherson, the trusty housekeeper, who in the original series had a personality which could only be described as borderline and who, played by Barbara Mullen, became a national institution. Crosbie plays a sort of Scottish Mary Poppins who would be an asset to any household. She knocks up a veritable feast from just two ration books worth of groceries to welcome Dr Finlay back from the war. He, the ungrateful wretch, spoils the party by fighting with everyone.

Janet has a suitor, or as they would undoubtedly say in Tannochbrae, a fancy man. Marriage is on the cards, a fact which has Dr Finlay choking on his Dundee cake. It clearly has never occurred to him that Janet might be less than fulfilled in her role as housekeeper-cum-bookkeeper to the two doctors whose domestic abilities end at being able to pour themselves a dram.

The most believable and sympathetic character is the new locum, Dr David Neil, played by Jason Flemyng. It may be no coincidence that his is the only main character not taken from the original series. True, he has a somewhat Thatcherite approach to the job, but he is the only doctor in the first programme who shows any compassion for his patients or enthusiasm for the job.

The period setting is well done. The Fife town of Auchtermuchty has been transformed into the fictional Tannochbrae and the characters look the part. Brenda Maitland, the local nurse who ditches Dr Finlay in favour of a GI, looks as wholesome and Scottish as porridge oats.

Aficionados of the original series will be joined by those who enjoy the nostalgia value of period drama. But it lacks the lightness of touch and the humour which made *All Creatures Great and Small* such a successful period drama. *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, with the richness of its characterisation, was always going to be a hard act to follow. *Dr Finlay* has captured the composity of the doctors, but little else.

● *Scottish Television's* Doctor Finlay *starts on ITV at 9pm on Friday*

Rainy days ahead for new British films

GIVEN the prevailing meteorological conditions, it is only natural that London's answer to the prestigious Sundance Film Festival held in Utah should be called the Raindance Film Festival. Sundance, held in January, spotlights new films from the American independent sector; Raindance, organised by Elliot Groves of the London Film Workshop, intends to showcase both American and British product in a five-day celluloid binge from October 22 to 26. A script competition will be held to help stimulate production, and awards will be offered for, among others, the best films made under £3 million and £1 million, and the best film made with almost no budget at all. No official name for the award trophies as yet: umbrellas, perhaps?

● HAS any composer's music ever been celebrated in the stained-glass roof of a shopping centre before? If not, the Lancashire town of Oldham can feel doubly proud. To mark the tenth anniversary of Sir William Walton's death (the composer of *Belshazzar's Feast* and *Facade* was born in Oldham), the town has given a £1 million commission to the glass artist Brian Clarke, who has designed a huge stained-glass roof to the new Spindles Shopping Centre. It weaves motifs from Walton's music into its design, and will complement the Walton clock in Walton Square, also part of the new complex.

The shopping centre will not open until later in the year, but a guided tour of the roof is being offered as part of the first Oldham Walton Festival (March 12 to 14), which will include orchestral, chamber and brass-band concerts, and lectures by the composer's widow, Lady Susana Walton, and his official biographer Michael Kennedy.

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

STEPHEN UNWIN's "complete restaging" of Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, unveiled at Covent Garden (071-240 1066) a couple of years ago as a poor substitute for a cancelled *Iphigénie en Tauride*, amounted to little more than the addition of some slick choreography and a lot of relentless mugging to Michael Hampe's original dull production. The resulting jollity is a bit laboured, but in the latest revival, neatly conducted by Evelino Pido, there are plenty of musical compensations. Tomorrow and on Friday, in the last two performances of the current run, the talented young British baritone Anthony Michaels-Moore assumes the title role, while the Bulgarian mezzo Vesselina Kazarova makes her British debut as Rosina. Almaviva is the always elegant Raul Giménez, and the veteran Gabriel Bacquier repeats his show-stealing Doctor Bartolo.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

LONDON

DON PASQUALE English National Opera performs Donizetti's sentimental comedy, a co-production with Opera North. This production is set in modern times but the translation is dated. Andrew Shore plays Pasquale, a property tycoon, and Rosemary Joshua plays Norina, a café proprietress.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, Wed, Sat, 7.30pm.

TURANDOT Andrei Serban's reliable production of Puccini's opera set in ancient China gets another airing. Gwyneth Jones, one of the great Turandots, returns as the cruel princess. Mark Ermler conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight-Wed, Fri, 7.30pm.

MUSICA SECRETA: The group takes its name from the private concerts given in the late 16th century at the court of Duke Alfonso of Ferrara and performs a programme of madrigals by Luzzaschi, Marenzio, Wert, Agostini and Stabile.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA The orchestra under Fedor Glushchenko with Raphael Wallfisch gives the first public performance of David Matthews's Romanza for cello and orchestra. It also plays Arvo Pärt's Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten and music by Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.30pm.

ERIC CLAPTON The rock star returns to the Albert Hall performing his Rhythm & Blues show with his acoustic guitar and band including original Blues Brother Donald "Duck" Dunn and Muddy Waters harmonica man Jerry Portnoy.
Albert Hall, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 7.30pm.

ALFIE Bill Naughton's hit show returns to the West End after 30 years, starring and directed by Adam Faith. Faith plays a lovable rogue with a complicated love life who makes his living in a variety of ways. A story of love and allied troubles in the early 1960s.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040), preview today, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat 4.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: The annual festival of contemporary dance continues. Choreographers Fin Walker and Lucy Fawcett share an evening of new work. Walker contributing a piece that looks at child abuse and Fawcett one about waiting, patience and expectation.
The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, 8pm.

DON CHERRY QUARTET The great trumpeter, jazz innovator and pioneer of cultural crossbreeding through his exploration of world, or "primal" music as he calls it, comes to London.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.45pm.

DAVID JEAN BAPTISTE QUINTET. Ethereal jazz from the saxophonist with Cheryl Elaine, Andrea Vicyry and Mano Castronar.
Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, NW1 (071-916 6000), tonight, 9pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER Edward Fox returns to the role of St. John Quartermaine in Simon Gray's play **Quartermaine's Terms**. The play is set in the staff room of a school of English for foreigners in Cambridge and the cast includes Peter Barkworth, Clive Francis, James Grout and Sarah Badel.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, (0243 781312), opens tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

OXFORD Dylan Thomas's **Under Milk Wood**, an indulgent observation of fellow human beings but a poetic play performed by Sherman Theatre Company on tour outside Wales for the first time.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street, (0865 798600), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM Nigel Kennedy plays jazz including Hendrix, Herbie Hancock and Miles Davis in a departure from his normal style. Accompanied by John Etheridge.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street, (021-643 4525), tonight-Sat, 9pm.

KIRKLEES As part of the Women in Music series Ann Marsden-Thomas plays organ music by three female composers.
Huddersfield Town Hall, Ramsden Street, (0484 422133), today, 1pm.

CAMBRIDGE Arthur Smith and Chris England's long-running West End comedy **An Evening with Gary Lineker** continues a nationwide tour: off-field tensions in a Majorcan hotel on the day of England's World Cup semi-final against Germany.
Arts Theatre, 6 St Edward's Passage, (0223 352000), tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat, Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL Expressions of Belief brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. Everything in the show has a function, but this can be obscure.
Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street (051-207 0001) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ANNA KARENINA** Shared Experience's award-winning adaptation returns for a second London showing. Recommended.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

◧ **CAROUSEL** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◧ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierree return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins. Final week.

◧ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **ENNIO MARCHETTO** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins.

□ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE.** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

■ **HAMLET** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today-Thurs, 6.30pm, mat Thurs, 12.30pm. 270mins.

□ **HAY FEVER** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◧ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's insider dealing melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

■ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **KING BABY** The miseries of alcoholism and how only religion can help, says author James Robson. Earnest stuff.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins.

◧ **KING LEAR** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

◧ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◧ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

◧ **MISERY** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS"** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow production by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today-Wed, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS. □ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044). ■ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ■ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072). □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070). ■ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045). ◧ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401). ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Palladium (071-494 5037). ■ **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909). ■ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ◧ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Agreeable, old-fashioned screwball comedy. Director, Andrew Bergman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

LEON THE PIG FARMER (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing pedigree. Exuberant British comedy. Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Everyman** (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

LORENZO'S OIL (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon; director, George Miller.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

ROMPER STOMPER (18): Neo-Nazi skinheads on the rampage in Melbourne. Dangerously flashy debut by Australian director Geoffrey Wright.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

SNIPER (15): Tom Berenger and Billy Zane as US snipers in the Panama jungle. Visually taut, but wooden dialogue. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGM Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

UNDER SIEGE (15): US battleship gets hijacked, but Steven Seagal saves the day. Familiar antics, with juicy villainy from Tommy Lee Jones and Gary Busey. Director, Andrew Davis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426-914 501)

CURRENT

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **THE BODYGUARD** (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Director, Mick Jackson.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche), directed by Louis Malle.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15): An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer. Uneven feminist drama from director Gillian Armstrong. With Lisa Harrow, Kerry Fox, Bruno Ganz.
Metro (071-437 0757)

MEAN STREETS (18): Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life. Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro play hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy.
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MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** reviews the opening events of the Barbican's Festival of Britten

All points east from Aldeburgh



Mark Milhofer as the "supple, pan-sexual" Madwoman in the Guildhall School of Music production of Britten's *Curlew River*

THE fens of Suffolk and the long floating shingle of Aldeburgh have replaced the glacial moraines of Iceland on the exhibition walls of the Barbican. No sooner, it seems, is *Tender is the North* over than the next festival arrives. This time the **London Symphony Orchestra**, whose Sibelius series was such a central pillar of the Scandinavian Festival, has turned to Benjamin Britten.

The first concert of a month-long celebration contained no Britten at all. Well, almost none: it began with his arrangement of the Minuet from Mahler's Third Symphony, but this is still much more Mahler than Britten. **Mstislav Rostropovich**, artistic director of the festival and conductor of this concert, knew well what he was about. He, after all, was one of the best things that ever happened to Britten, and later in the festival we shall hear why.

For the time being, he invited us to see Britten through the lens of Shostakovich. Rostropovich's playing of Shostakovich's Cello Concerto in 1960 had brought the two composers together. A year later, Britten wrote his first Cello Sonata for Rostropovich, and the two-way traffic between Moscow and Aldeburgh was busy, culminating in Britten conducting Shostakovich's Symphony No 14 at the 1970 Aldeburgh Festival.

This symphonic song-cycle — Shostakovich's own Songs and Dances of Death — was the work Rostropovich conducted on Thursday. It was dedicated to Britten, just as Britten had dedicated his *Prodigal Son* to Shostakovich. They worshipped at each other's musical shrines, possibly because they valued so many of the same things: an austere use of serialism, for example, always within the reassurance of tonality: a hypersensitivity to poetry and the human voice; and an economy of means, particularly in their later years, in which not a note was wasted.

This performance threw into relief, too, each composer's gift for hearing and writing a long line of keening, barely harmonised and barely harmonisable melody. The 19 LSO strings and the soprano of Elena Prokina spun a fine thread within Shostakovich's settings of Lorca, Apollinaire and Rilke. The Bolshoi's Mikhail Krutikov, for his part, pitted his viscous bass against the luminous divided strings for the affirmation of artistic immortality of "O Delvig, Delvig!"

Britten not only inspired and was inspired by his contemporaries, but was renowned for his patronage of successive generations of composers whose lives brushed against his. Colin Matthews, originally one of Britten's music assistants, was to become very much a part of the Aldeburgh scene, and the LSO commissioned him to write a substantial piece for this opening concert.

Memorial claims not to be a conscious tribute to Britten. Rather, it tries to create an aural counterpart to the "great untriumphal arch" which Lutyens built to commemorate the soldiers of the Somme, fallen in the first world war. Matthews's grandfather is buried there. The resonances, though, are irresistible: without any specific fingerprinting, the shadows of the *War Requiem* and the *Sinfonia da Requiem* lay heavy over Matthews's potent processional.

A constant C sharp pedal-note reverberates through the five indivisible sections of the work. And the score reveals just how masterfully the haunting sense of stasis within its onward movement is built up of infinitely varied shapes and figures. A plethora of string tremolandi and glissandi, of brass striations and percussion pulses, give the music a vibrant momentum which rings in the ear and mind long after the final chords have died away.

A decade before he ever visited Russia, Britten, with Pears, set off for a five-month concert tour of the Far East. The sounds and sweet airs of Indonesia and Bali were to resonate through his own music for the rest of his life: but Japan was a more specific stimulus. His assimilation of the severe eloquence of the Noh play into the English mystery-play tradition, and of the spiritual landscape of Japan into the earth, air and water of East Anglia, was celebrated in the festival's curtain-raising performance of **Curlew River** in St Giles, Cripplegate.

A taut and powerful production by Jonathan Alver cast shadows of Noh gesture (or was it T'ai Chi for beginners?) against the Gothic tracery of St Giles; and David Angus's musical direction revealed the shades of Quint and Grimes which lurk within this parable in which, it is claimed, "innocence outshineth guilt".

The singers and chamber ensemble of the Guildhall School of Music, as monks, acolytes and players, concentrated this timeless drama both for the ear and the eye. Gwyn Hughes Jones's Ferryman and tenor Mark Milhofer's supple, pan-sexual Madwoman gave deep-hewn and deeply committed performances.

RECITAL: A great pianist continues his momentous journey through Beethoven's piano sonatas

Perfection, with a frown

Alfred Brendel
Festival Hall

THIS was the second recital of Alfred Brendel's spaciously disposed Beethoven cycle (first concert last October: last concert June 1995). It demonstrated exactly what one expected it to: that the man is a genius who combines magisterial technique with remarkable intellectual and emotional insight, communicating both with humility and warmth. He looks as though he worries a lot, essential if you are to make coherent the still disturbing audacities of Beethoven's barrier-shattering sonatas. But his understanding is such that one sometimes wonders if he might even be a reincarnation.

He began here with the A flat Sonata, Op 26. Brendel relaxed into the warmth of the opening theme and its pregnant variations, showed some appositely brittle colours in the thrusting scherzo, and allowed the cortege in that celebrated, noble funeral march to maintain realistic pace and momentum. Others can be too easily swallowed up by this movement's — or their own — grandiosity; this, one realised, was Brendel's way of keeping the work on a human scale.

Astonishingly, this work was written as early as 1801; so were the two Op 27 Sonatas, each accurately designated by the composer "Quasi una fantasia". Brendel relished the remarkable internal freedoms of both of these works, though he saw each as a disciplined entity. In Op 27 No 1, he gave us a relaxed, opening movement, made the arpeggios of the scherzo sound strangely naked, and engineered the mellow, introductory Adagio and the contrapuntal finale so that they suggested the sonata as an exercise in making something from nothing.

Then, in Op 27 No 2, came the dark beauties of the Adagio sostenuto, unhackneyed in Brendel's hands, so that unfortunate associations with lunar illumination were quickly forgotten. The slow broken chords were translated in the finale to furious rumblings that spat out hammered chords at ends of phrases like a volcano threatening imminent eruption.

Afterwards came two works from 1804: first the small F major Sonata, Op 54, whose opening movement (of just two) contrasts and then ingeniously reconciles themes diametrically opposed in character. Brendel gave this complex process all the space it required. Then, in the great "Waldstein" Sonata, Op 53, he gathered all his energies to conjure a performance of typically considered drama and warmth. A great recital.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK: The left-field band to love in 1993

Nice line in gut feelings

Belly
London University

THE independent music scene elected a new heroine recently and her name is Tanya Donelly. The flame-haired Rhode Islander who first came to attention as a subdued member of the fey Throwing Muses, and who later established herself as a more relevant component of the short-lived all-girl The Breeders, has now found her true métier as leader of her own band, Belly.

A runaway success, their debut album, *Star*, was prevented from entering the British charts at No 1 recently only by the continued residency of Whitney Houston and her movie soundtrack to *The Bodyguard*. Without doubt, Belly are the left-field band to love in 1993, as the capacity audience for this final performance in a 13-date UK tour amply testified — inevitable laddish student quota included. Luckily, the skinny-shouldered Donelly is a cool customer, and she deflected early beer-fuelled ribaldry with a well-aimed Anglo-Saxonism. "Why does that word always makes you English laugh?" she then demanded, as her put-down of the offender provoked an over-protective wave of nervous hooting and applause.

Belly are not the sort of band to need this kid-glove treatment. Although they chose as an overture a strange piece of sub-soap opera instrumentalism — David Lynch meets Hammer Horror, as interpreted by Henry Mancini — the prevailing style is distinctly robust. Donelly's voice has that fashionable quality of almost out-of-control Angst, but is underpinned by a distinctly healthy pair of lungs: even at her most vulnerable, she sounds capable of going 15 rounds with the demons who inhabit many of her songs.

And with Thomas and Chris Gorman and newly-appointed bassist Gail Greenwood (a Carly Simon imposter, but one with a taste for thrash heroics) backing her endeavours, she often emphasised this more attacking aspect of her on-record personality by over-laying the relatively unsurprising guitar-and-drums settings with snarling and barbed interpretations of already disturbing lyrics. Her finest moment came on "White Belly", her wonderfully athletic vocal juxtaposing itself against the song's handsome, cascading chord progressions. But "Gepetto", the quirkily beautiful "Feed the Tree" and "Someone to Die For" all bolstered an undeniably strong set.

Belly are certainly crowd-pleasers — they even took a Polaroid of the audience as their own memento — but it is to be hoped that their current prominence is not just an intermittent blip provoked by some killer marketing campaign. Donelly's duet with Irish woman Delores O'Riordan of the graceful and promising support act, The Cranberries, underlined the fact that there is true grit behind Belly's slightly folksie, fairy-tale facade, and that commercial success, however unexpected, is well deserved.

ALAN JACKSON

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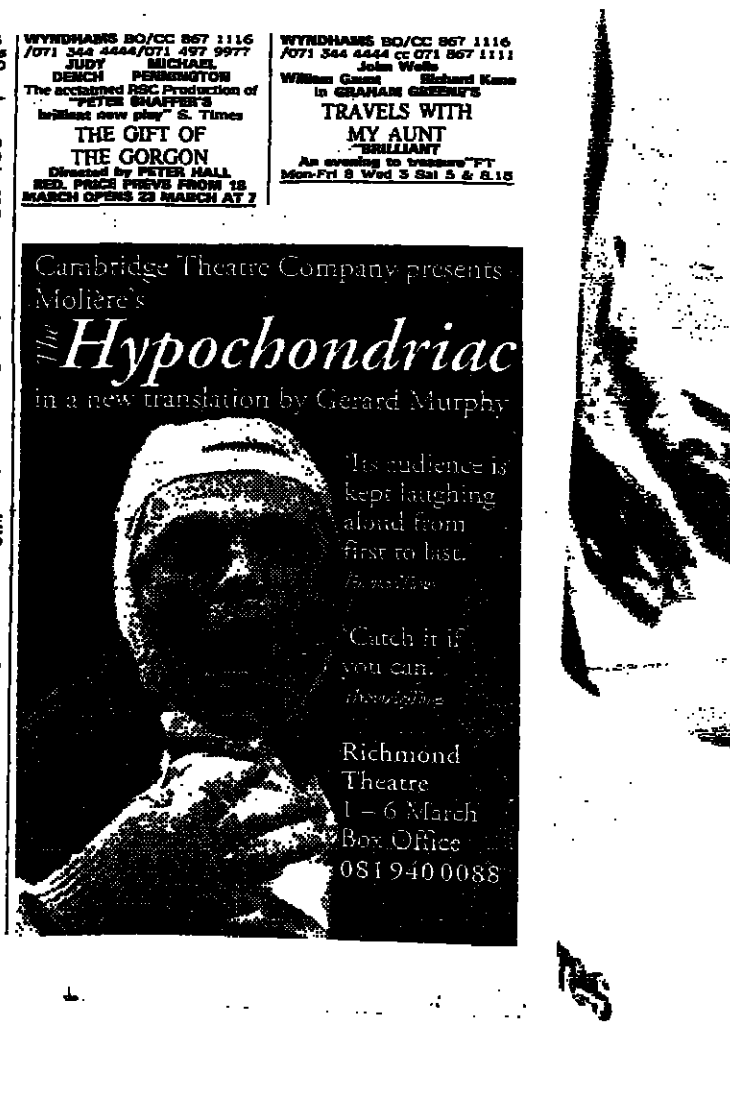
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GALLERIES: As other dealers fight to survive, one is expanding into the West End. **John Russell Taylor** reports

Flowers in bloom this spring

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Partly a mother figure, partly a hockey captain: gallery-owner Angela Flowers in front of Jonathan Waller's painting, *Away Day*

We are sitting in one of London's newest galleries. Also probably one of its smallest. But that is hardly the point. Angela Flowers's new Soho premises is not only a gallery. In the present climate it also looks like a symbol. After all, Flowers's departure from the West End — when leasing problems in Tottenham Mews forced her to concentrate on her splendid but distant premises newly opened in the East End — turned out to be the harbinger of recession. Hard on its heels came many other closures, usually of grand but uneconomical galleries in the art dealer's traditional stamping ground in Mayfair and St James's.

Nor is this the solitary recent expansion in the Flowers domain. Last year the gallery acquired a giant new space in Hackney, just across the road from the first Flowers East on the edge of London Fields. How is *this show of confidence possible*, when all around are losing theirs? The best person to ask was Flowers herself. She has, after all, been in the gallery business for more than 20 years (latterly in partnership with her son *Matthew*). Indeed, her first gallery, in Lisle Street, opened in February 1970, just opposite the cinema showing *Last Tango in Paris*. "I remember that every evening we would have a lot of people coming in at about a quarter to six, while they were waiting to go into the film. Quite what they were expecting I never knew."

The idea of asking her is one thing; getting the chance to do so quite another. Any conversation in Silver Place is prone to interruption. "I'm not rich enough to take on more staff yet; that's why I can't open here on Saturday. I can't be everywhere at once."

Rich or not, the attendance figures at Flowers East are amazing, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays — yes, this is one of the few London art dealers open on Sunday. But equally, the new West End space is clearly going to exert its own attraction. The telephone rings constantly, and as people passing along the narrow pedestrian way outside register that there is some interesting art within — *or more specifically that* Angela Flowers, a tall and imposing Viking lady with a manner somewhere between the motherly and the hockey captain's, is herself presiding at the desk by the door — in they troop.

But where does all this palpable success come from? Is it a case of simulated confidence creating real confidence? "Not really. Of course you're never going to rebuild confidence if you go round in a cloud of gloom. But Matthew is one of nature's optimists. He sees the artists getting better, the sales increasing, and nothing but a rosy future for us all." And you? "I scare more easily, having gone through the Seventies." The Seventies? "Yes, don't you remember, things were really terrible in 1977. Perhaps particularly for me, since I've always until recently been undercapitalised. I had to close the gallery, sell the lease to pay my debts, and go home for 11 months to recuperate. Perhaps, looking back, I needn't have done that, but it seemed unavoidable at the time."

If under-capitalisation was the problem until recently, how had the gallery managed to get out of it, at a time notoriously unpropitious for the raising of capital? The answer is something as simple as a government *business expansion scheme. Friends*, customers and interested bystanders like it because they do not have to put in too much money (minimum investment £500) and they get tax relief on it.

The first scheme was launched in January 1990, immediately over subscribed, and the gallery is now in the midst of a second. "It is amazing how even the most unexpected people like to participate. Down in Hackney a couple of our local postmen have come in, for instance. And when I opened here several shareholders came in right away, primarily to check up on me, I think, and see that I was doing right."

But this, though vital to the successful running of a gallery, leaves out of consideration the vital ingredient: the gallery's stock in trade of art and artists. Angela and Matthew Flowers have a pretty catholic taste, but most of what they show threads a deft course between art so conservative that it is boring and art so avant-garde that it is unapproachable. Was this the result of some carefully calculated programme?

"Hardly! Basically I began with two ideas: to help launch young artists who seemed promising, and to relaunch older artists I liked who seemed to have fallen by the wayside. At that time, in the first heyday of *what is now considered avant-garde*, I was interested in performance art, and even managed to extract two tiny subsidies from the Arts Council to support it, before all that went by the board. I don't think I *have ever violently* changed my taste since, though of course one's order of preference shifts a little: maybe now I lean more towards the uninhibitedly painterly, slightly expressionistic, than once I did."

> 'Two of our local Hackney postmen are investors now'

Where does she and her son find new talent? In student shows? From unsolicited offers? "Yes, a lot from student shows, or from artists' word of mouth, one artist suggesting we should look at the work of another. Hardly ever from unsolicited submissions. *I think* John Keane is the only example of that. He sent in slides, and we liked the look of them, so we went to see the work itself."

As if to illustrate the point, the phone rings right on cue. "Yes... yes... we might well be interested. No, I'd much rather you sent in some slides first, if you've got them. It's not lack of interest, just time and availability... Why don't you *come round and see me* at Flowers East Saturday morning?"

Hope, clearly, springs eternal. But what if an artist, once taken on, does not live up to initial hopes, or just does not sell well *enough? Will the* Flowers try to influence him or her in any way? "We are very reluctant to let anyone go just *because their work is* not commercially successful. And I wouldn't know how to influence them in order to make them more successful. *I would certainly* never try to exert influence on the aesthetic side. There are a couple of respects where I might think it correct to offer... alternative strategies. Size, first of all. Many artists need the confidence-boosting to let themselves go on a larger scale. Very seldom, curiously, does one want to urge them to paint smaller.

"And our theme shows, like the postcards show, may open unexpected doors, though no one is forced to go through if they don't feel it right. Occasionally I have encouraged artists to try their hands at printmaking, if their painted work is getting too expensive."

Perhaps, finally, the secret of the Flowers galleries' success is their understanding of that endangered species, the discriminating middlebrow. Painting and sculpture as earlier generations would have *understood them (though seldom as* they would have practised them) are not forbidden the door. Neither are vibrant colours, as in the work of Lucy Jones, or strong draughtsmanship, as in that of Peter Howson, now *showing characteristic figure composition at Flowers East.*

Even humour is regarded as possibly an intensifier of seriousness rather than its natural enemy, as in the sculptures of Neil Jeffries (with his *virtuosically manipulated tin sheets* in the east) and Tim Lewis (with his Heath Robinson map-making machines in the west) both testify. No formula, apart from a belief that all artists in the stable are committed *150 per cent to their art.* "And *I think* we are the only dealer in London that regularly gets all its artists together for a family Christmas dinner. That must mean something."

Angela Flowers' Soho gallery, at 5 Silver Place, London W1 (071-287 8328).

TELEVISION REVIEW

Something lost in translation

Joe Joseph watches the opening episode of *A Year in Provence* and an entire night of documentaries about childbirth

Last night, BBC 1 unveiled its much-vaunted 12-part adaptation of Peter Mayle's **A Year In Provence** *starring John Thaw* and Lindsay Duncan. Or did it? Had you missed the first few minutes, you might have been struggling to place the programme.

Was Inspector Morse on assignment in France? Had John Thaw landed a bit part in an episode of *'Allo 'Allo*? Would Judith Chalmers suddenly walk on and tell us how much a fortnight in the Luberon would cost?

A telly dramatisation can affect a book the way a blast of wind affects a fire: fanning the great flames, but overpowering less robust ones. Mayle was not aiming for a Nobel prize when he penned his newcomer's diary of Provence. The book's success has swelled the ranks of his literary critics, but Mayle's prose is very readable, even if a little overeggy with Gallic sterotypes who have Gitanes hanging off their lips. You can understand why Mayle, offered a fat cheque, agreed to sell the television rights, but why did a producer want to buy them?

The book's best-seller appeal was that Mayle traded city life and office politics for a French idyll. But last night's programme would appeal rather less to armchair dreamers and rather more to fans of *Carry On* films. Relaying the plotless drama by mixing dialogue and voiceovers looked less like a stylistic choice than a cop-out.



John Thaw, Lindsay Duncan and canine friend: A Year in Provence

The old problem of how to avoid having all the French cast members sound like Maurice Chevalier while still making events comprehensible to non-*French-speakers was solved by* getting Thaw or Duncan to repeat the French phrase with a "*You what?*" grimace, and then hesitatingly proffer a perfect translation. Simplest *example: "Un renard?!? You* mean a fox?!?"

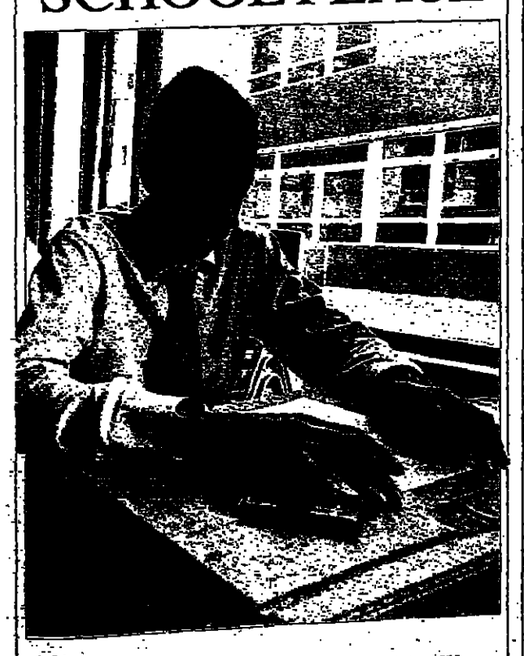
Thaw and Duncan seemed rather classier actors than the script they had been given to deliver. Also, although it is *hardly Thaw's fault, it was* difficult to erase all recent memory of Inspector Morse. You expected him to shout "Lewis!" at any moment.

There is every chance that *the series will look a little more* lived in as the restoration of the Mayles' house gets going. But you are still left wondering why producers, impresarios *and publishers seem so short* of ideas nowadays that anything successful in one medium is immediately translated into a book, film, television series, T-shirt, chocolate bar and "*signature range of designer casualwear*".

If *Provence* is being screened on Sunday nights to amplify the gloom of Monday mornings, BBC 2 may have chosen Saturday night to show **Birthnight**, six hours of programmes about birth, on the assumption that its target audience was past partying on Saturdays. But the documentaries were an education for anyone who didn't realise that human placenta is now used in face creams, or that Michelangelo attributed his chisel skills to the fact that his wet *nurse was a stonecutter's wife.*

The American Way Of Birth showed us how expectant fathers can strap on a 28lb "empathy belly". But best of all was the moment in *It's Alright Darling, I'm Here*, amid testimony from proud fathers, when writer Ray Connolly confessed that he was too squeamish to enter the delivery suite and watched the birth *by squinting through a porthole.* The emotion of the experience was only slightly dented when the matron informed him that Mrs Connolly was in an entirely *different delivery room.*

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GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **HALIMA NALECZ:** Generations of artists have reason to remember Halima Nalecz for her generosity and enterprise in running the Drian Gallery, opened in 1957 and responsible for launching more than two hundred artists, among them John Bellany and William Crozier. She has donated nearly six hundred works from her collection to the National Museums of her native Poland. But she has also always painted. This tribute is to all aspects of her career, but it very properly concentrates on her creative work, with some 30 paintings, made between 1952 and 1990.
Polish Cultural Institute, 34, Portland Place, W1 (071-636 6032) Daily, 10 am - 4 pm (Thurs to 8 pm), until April 2.

● **LAURA GODFREY-ISAACS:** It must look like leading with the chin for an *artist who specialises in rather* sludgy, viscous abstractions to call a show "Slime". Godfrey-Isaacs has always been preoccupied by the mess, the ooze of physical existence: usually up to now of the body specifically, but now, with a lurch into bile green and poisonous yellow, of the shattered environment. *No one could say* that these paintings are comfortable or in any way endearing, but they certainly pack a wallop.
Sue Williams, 320, Portobello *Road, W10 (081-960 6123)* Tues-Sat 10.30 am - 5.30 pm, until April 3.

Wine, women and song

This week we launch The Theatre Club's news information service. Whenever tickets for a new production go on sale you will find out about it first on The Theatre Club's information line. You can book tickets for the events through the Club's booking service though a service charge may be levied.

This week's highlights include concerts in June at Hampton Court Palace with Jose Carreras and Montserrat Caballe and tickets for U2 in Cardiff, Leeds and London. Call 0891 555590 for full details. Calls cost 36p (cheap rate) and 48p (at other times) per minute.

● LONDON

Invade by Privacy
Riverside Studios, March 10, 7.45pm.
The Theatre Club is hosting the first night party for this show, a musical celebration of the works of Fran Landesman whose lyrics have been sung by Ella Fitzgerald, Shirley Bassey and Bette Midler. Tickets are available to members at £15 each.
Tel: 081-748 3354.

THE TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

Chatsky
Almeida Theatre, March 11-13, 15, 17, 18, 8.00pm.
Colin Firth, Dinsdale Landen and Jemma Redgrave lead the cast in this Russian comedy. Members can buy two tickets for the price of one and have a free glass of wine with dinner at Le Mercury restaurant on Almeida Street.
Tel: 071-354 4088 (to book your table). Tel: 071-359 4404 (box office).

Lost in Yonkers
Strand Theatre
Book a top price ticket to see Maureen Lipman in Neil Simon's play and enjoy a pre or post performance three-course dinner at the Boulevard Brasserie for £24.50.
Tel: 071-413 1412 for details.

● BRISTOL

Thatcher's Children
Bristol Old Vic, May 21-22.
The Theatre Club offers members the chance to meet Trevor Griffiths, and see his new play at the Bristol Old Vic. We have arranged an *overnight break at the Uni*corn Hotel for only £25 per person including breakfast. The weekend begins with a buffet supper at the Old Vic, followed by a talk on Griffiths's work before the performance and on Saturday a tour of the Old Vic for just £20.
Tel: 0272 277466 for information. *Not available on the* Club booking line.

To book for any of this week's special offers call the Theatre Club on 071-413 1412, *open 24 hours a day* or call the listed theatre during box office hours.

To join send a cheque for £12.50, payable to The Theatre Club, together with your name, address and telephone number to The Theatre Club, PO Box 490 London E1 9DW. For more information please telephone 071-387 9673.

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1,349.80	Allied Irish	206	+11	...	5.5	12.5
2,006.30	Aus New Z	164	+4	...	5.5	...
12,942.40	Bankamerica	3756½	-297½	...	...	...
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25.40	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	7.4	...
1,573.50	Bank Scotland	136	-3	4.3	4.3	21.4
6,326.40	Barclays	424	-18	21.1	6.7	...
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5.74	Brown Shipley	36	-3	...	...	...
5.37	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
110.30	Cater Allen	459	+19	26.0	7.6	...
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29,966.40	Fuji Bank Y	1035	-14	...	0.5	79.5
106.30	Gerrard Nat	425	+11	21.0	6.6	...
4,404.20	HSBC	601	+20	...	3.3	34.7
9,954.60	HSBC HK	597½	-22½	...	3.4	24.1
542.10	Hambros	313	-9	17.6	5.9	15.9
18.80	Joseph (L)	358	+5	15.6	5.9	...
19.80	King Shaxson	119	-1	5.0	5.6	...
503.20	Kleinwort Ben	385	+5	16.0	5.7	-
6,591.30	Lloyds	519 †	+8	...	4.7	7.2
46.70	Lon Scot Bk	78½	+1½	3.0	5.1	15.6
4,911.60	Nat Aust Bk	376	+23	...	5.1	15.7
7,966.60	Nat West	447	-2	...	5.4	60.2
421.60	Provident	794	-20	28.5	4.9	-
17.60	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
1,876.20	Ryl Bk Scot	239	...	8.8	4.9	...
795.70	Schroders	1585	-10	18.0	1.5	19.5
1,963.20	Stand Char	668	+24	20.0	4.0	17.2
2,405.80	TSB	172 †	+3½	6.4	5.0	...
21.80	Union Disc	115	+6	13.5	...	...
1,303.70	Warburg SG	622	-4	18.0	3.9	18.4
91.00	-do- 6% 'A'	214	+1	...	3.4	...
1,945.60	Wells Fargo	7275	+1025	...	1.4	...
2,629.80	Westpac	150	-3	...	5.4	-
17.20	Wintrust	203	-3	9.3	6.2	7.7

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3,971.00	Bass	577	-27	18.9	4.4	12.6
233.20	Boddington	203	-1	6.6	4.3	12.9
193.40	Bulmer (HP)	378	-2	9.0	3.2	17.4
31.20	Burtonwd Brw	150	-5	4.4	4.0	10.9
150.10	Devenish (JA)	259	-3	7.6	3.8	-
18.50	Eldridge P 'A'▲	95	+7	...	4.6	25.1
2,099.00	Fosters Brewing	66	+2	...	4.1	-
68.70	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	340	-5	...	2.6	14.3
4,209.90	Grand Met	451½	-½	12.3	3.6	14.9
685.30	Greenalls Grp	395	-12	11.7	4.0	13.1
222.90	Greene King	526	-1	11.6	2.9	15.7
9,069.10	Guinness	453	-15½	10.5	3.2	15.0
64.00	Hardy Hansn	256	-19	7.9	4.1	14.2
2.87	Heavitree▲	115 †	...	3.0	3.6	-
3.86	-do- 'A' LV▲	78 †	...	...	5.2	10.9
230.00	Highland Distl	264	-3	6.0	3.0	17.6
2.30	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	29.3
342.70	Invergordn Dist	269	-4	6.5	3.2	15.1
381.20	Macallan-Glen	173	+1	0.7	0.6	34.9
59.20	Marstn Mann 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
110.90	Mansfield	702	-21	17.6	2.6	15.1
217.40	Marston Thmp	240	+2	4.9	2.7	14.1
42.00	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
23.60	Merrydwn W	277	-3	...	3.0	30.0
16.80	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.3	19.1
4.90	Paramount▲	9½	+½	...	2.1	17.3
3,009.90	SA Breweries	940	-27	...	2.9	-
1,537.60	Scot & New	436	+5	16.1	4.9	11.9
24.43	Taunton Cider	187	-3	...	3.4	17.5
37.70	Vaux Group	221½	+4½	9.3	5.6	15.3
7.50	Wetherspoon JD	250	+1	...	2.6	20.2
2,070.10	Whitbread 'A'	459	+2	16.9	4.9	12.9
176.00	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.5
362.40	Wolvrhmptn D	563	-1	11.4	2.6	16.4
14.50	Young 'A'	508	-2	14.5	3.8	22.2

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23.50	Allena	106	...	...	6.3	70.8
109.60	Amec	84	-5	10.2	...	7.7
2.97	Ancilla Sec	9	...	...	...	...
42.10	Ashtead	157	+14	4.1	3.0	23.2
375.10	Atwoods	133	-2	5.0	5.0	19.2
1,055.80	BPB Ind	213	-21	...	4.7	54.2
30.60	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
3.24	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
16.40	Barcon	68	-5	1.2	1.9	16.0
225.60	Barratt Devs	125	-1	2.0	2.1	13.9
185.10	Bellway	380 †	-2	11.5	4.0	22.0
4.29	Bellwinch	26	-4	...	...	...
220.70	Berkeley Gp	340	+6	5.0	1.9	23.8
6.75	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
10.20	Blockleys	40	...	3.3	...	39.8
1,539.80	Blue Circle	224	-12	11.2	6.7	22.4
68.90	Boot (Henry)	205	+7	...	2.7	14.5
26.20	Breedon PLC	62	-1	4.6	6.7	17.9
17.20	Br Dredging	98	+3	7.4	10.1	12.7
13.80	Brit Fittings	58	+7	5.3	...	...
329.10	Bryant	125	...	4.8	5.1	27.0
21.10	CALA	60	...	2.3	5.1	...
673.50	CRH	222	+15	...	3.8	13.0
2.10	Cakebread Rby	35	-3	...	...	...
62.20	Costain	27	+1	4.7	...	...
72.00	Countryside	120 †	-2	4.1	4.6	31.7
40.50	Crest Nicholson	53	-1	0.0	...	-
6.56	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
1.43	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
12.80	Edmond Hldgs	23½	-1	1.8	...	9.6
35.30	Epwin	179	-1	...	3.9	14.8
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28.50	Eve Group▲	300 †	...	...	4.3	10.9
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7.00	Freeman Gp▲	102	...	...	...	...
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1.30	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
71.00	Gleeson (MJ)	710	+5	12.7	2.4	10.5
164.90	Hewden-Stuart	90	-4	3.1	4.7	18.5
3.88	Hewetson	45	+9	2.6	...	44.3
1.94	Hey & Croft▲	16 #	...	...	...	...
142.70	Heywd Wllm	196	-7	12.5	8.5	18.0
26.40	Higgs & Hill	60	+1	9.0	...	9.1
12.80	How Gp	31	-1	2.5	...	10.7
4.82	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
16.30	Ibstock Johnsen	54	+1	6.0	...	...
4.88	Jarvis	19	...	0.5	...	...
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16.50	Lilley	7½ #	...	2.0	...	2.4
6.71	Ln Clydeside▲	74	...	4.5	8.1	27.9
14.30	Lovell (YJ)	17	+2	...	...	7.7
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[illegible]	[illegible]	106	-4	4.2	5.3	26.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	20	...	...	9.5	23.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	126	-2	4.9	5.2	11.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	129	-12	6.5	6.9	-
21.50	McCarthy & S	31	+2	0.5	6.1	...
334.10	Meyer Intl	327	-6	16.5	6.7	33.7
1.21	Miskin Gp▲	4	...	...	...	...
94.90	Mowlem (J)	88	-3	10.5	...	...
12.50	NSM	73	-1	...	...	...
154.20	Newman Tnks	129	+1	...	8.3	-
209.30	Persimmon	225	-2	8.6	5.1	16.5
3.46	Phoenix Timber	24	...	...	...	...
15.30	Pochins	147½	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
57.10	Prowting	89	+1	3.4	5.1	...
4.17	Quilligotti▲	5½	...	...	...	...
1,192.90	RMC Gp	606	+1	20.0	4.4	22.6
214.00	Raine Ind	114	...	6.0	7.0	19.1
2.60	Ramus▲	23	...	...	...	...
2,227.40	Redland	465	+15	25.0	7.2	28.9
10.80	Roskel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
659.90	Rugby Group	126	-12	6.4	3.3	17.0
3.45	[illegible]▲	33	...	...	...	5.9
16.50	Sharpe & Fisher	80	+1	4.0	6.7	...
34.10	Sheffield Insl	142	+2	5.4	5.1	36.7
9.34	Sherriff Hldgs▲	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
2.88	Shorco▲	84	-1	...	8.3	12.9
23.00	Smart (J)	228	...	9.5	5.0	10.4
16.90	Starmin	5	-½	0.3	8.0	6.0
776.60	Tarmac	106	-8	5.5	6.9	43.6
40.70	Tay Homes	186	-1	5.8	4.2	10.5
367.50	Taylor Woodrw	88	+7	9.5	...	12.4
179.90	Tilbury Dougls	532	+4	33.0	8.3	17.5
2.32	Torex Hire▲	23	...	...	2.3	...
164.30	Travis Perkins	181	+2	8.0	5.9	25.6
13.40	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
2.84	Tudor▲	26	...	...	...	...
29.40	Vibroplant	64	+1	3.6	7.5	11.8
17.90	Ward Hldgs	54	-4	...	...	...
0.90	Waterhouse	36	-1	...	...	...
95.70	Watts Blake	400	...	9.3	2.7	23.0
1.37	Wescol▲	13	+4	...	...	...
77.90	Westbury	117	...	...	5.5	...
5.43	Wes Scaffolds▲	10½	+3	...	...	...
0.79	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
292.00	Wilson Bowdn	377	-7	8.7	3.1	19.3
277.20	Wilson (C)	157	-7	3.9	3.3	24.9
369.30	Wimpey G	135	-6	...	5.2	51.4
2.70	YRM	28	...	4.0	...	3.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
629.90	ADT	533	+13	...	...	-
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
7.36	Air London▲	83	-2	...	5.0	10.2
3.23	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
156.60	Auto Sec	138	+2	4.9	4.7	11.2
650.10	BET Ord	91	-7	...	9.5	13.3
16.20	BNB Res	67	-2	4.9	9.8	7.9
79.30	BPP	313	+8	6.9	2.9	17.7
45.30	Barbour Index	272	-2	7.2	3.6	20.2
14.50	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
53.10	Brit Data Mgt	228	+3	...	2.3	19.0
2.07	Broadcastle▲	13	...	...	...	...
7.45	Brooks Service	62	+1	4.0	...	19.8
46.40	CRT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.5
73.30	Capita Group	482	-10	6.3	1.8	-
24.80	Casket Plc	31	-2½	0.5	2.2	11.8
48.20	Chiltern Capital	52	-1	...	...	...
6.50	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
754.30	Chubb Sec	220	-7	...	1.4	29.8
2.05	Comace	32	-1	...	...	...
4.31	Corp Services	14½	+2	...	...	...
11.40	Dart	75	-3	3.3	5.9	8.5
191.90	Davis Service	215	+11	7.9	4.9	16.3
5.21	EW Fact▲	97	-1	...	5.9	7.2
14.50	Gardiner	17½	...	1.3	12.9	4.2
4.77	Gardner (DC)	30	-9	...	...	...
473.80	Hays	242	...	4.6	2.5	23.8
138.00	Hogg Robinsn	200	-1	6.3	4.2	15.0
29.90	Holmes Protectn	68	+3	...	...	...
5,365.70	Hutch Whamp	160	+4	...	...	17.2
457.10	ISS B DKr	£109½	-137½	...	1.0	15.5
3,109.70	Inchcape	605	+13	12.5	2.8	25.7
153.70	Johnson Clean	794	-1	25.7	4.4	16.3
87.60	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
23.30	Mitie Gp	224 †	-1	2.7	1.6	18.5
846.00	Manpower	1137	+37	...	...	...
26.30	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
11.90	Pennant▲	251	+1	...	1.1	63.6
2.84	Prime People▲	3½	+1½	...	...	...
63.80	Proudfoot Alex	103	...	19.5	25.2	2.2
44.90	RCO	420	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
10.00	REA	116	...	4.0	4.5	...
27.60	Reed Executive	54	-1	...	...	...
72.50	Reliance Sec▲	145	+2	...	4.1	14.6
1.19	Remaininster▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
2,204.20	Rentokil	227	+5	1.6	1.0	33.4
14.80	Rolfe & Nolan	262	-17	6.2	3.2	17.6
1,143.10	Salvesen (C)	398	-12	7.0	2.3	22.0
2.12	Scott Pickford▲	32	+1	...	3.3	9.8
40.60	Securiguard	198 †	+5	9.4	6.3	-
11.80	Select App▲	5½	...	...	...	...
87.70	Serco Gp	763	+5	11.9	2.1	24.5
21.40	Sherwd Cmpt▲	350	-45	...	2.3	9.4
6.70	Sketchley	115	-1	3.0	3.5	14.0
52.10	Warner Howrd	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
17.80	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
15.90	Wills Gp	21½	+1½	...	0.7	22.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
641.40	Allied Colloids	245	-2	3.9	2.1	19.5
379.00	Amersham	727	+3	12.5	2.3	27.0
16.60	Anglo Utd	51	-1½	0.8	...	...
5,559.90	BASF DM	937½	-12½	...	8.1	...
244.30	BTP	261	+3	8.8	4.5	19.1
7,604.50	Bayer DM50	£115½	-240½	...	4.9	...
0.46	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.2	9.9
101.90	Brent Chems	151	-5	7.3	6.5	71.4
169.60	Br Bio-Tech	475	-30	...	...	...
13.40	Card Gp	23½	-½	2.5	14.7	5.9
41.20	Canning (W)	146	-5	7.2	6.7	11.7
2,269.70	Courtaulds	566	-5	13.0	3.1	15.4
330.40	Croda	253	-2	7.5	4.0	19.2
157.70	Ellis & Everard	187	-3	7.0	5.0	17.0
4.64	Euro Colour	15½	...	0.6	5.6	...
100.50	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	...
83.50	Halstead (J)	281	-1	...	2.6	15.0
386.00	Hickson	223	+1	7.3	4.7	14.2
6,593.00	Hoechst	£111½	-300	...	7.1	...
6,625.10	ICI	1208	+90	...	6.2	32.0
1,297.20	Laporte	676	-9	18.9	3.7	18.2
132.30	Leigh	309	...	7.8	5.0	17.1
13.80	MTM	14½	-½	1.8	...	2.9
3,260.60	Norsk Hydro	1587½	-62½	...	1.8	-
101.30	Paterson Zoch	415	+5	11.4	3.7	17.9
85.80	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
124.20	Plysu	262	-3	6.0	3.1	17.6
31.40	Porvair	205	...	3.6	2.4	-
20.70	Sutcliffe Speak	12	...	...	...	...
106.00	Wardle Storeys	429	-6	16.0	5.0	17.2
31.40	Wistnhlme R	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
169.70	Yorks Chem	373 †	-16	...	2.8	-
250.50	Yule Catto	295	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22.90	Alexon	79	-7	...	5.1	4.3
58.10	Amber Day	50	-4	3.1	8.3	13.7
812.10	Argos Plc	274	-2	6.4	3.1	19.0
174.40	Ashley (Laura)	76	...	0.1	0.2	79.5
233.80	Asprey▲	293	...	...	2.2	23.8
5.12	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
67.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	145	+2	5.7	5.3	13.9
47.80	Bentalls	114	+2	3.8	4.5	64.3
242.30	Betterware	235	-5	...	0.7	32.8
7.95	Blacks Leis	25	-1	3.3	...	5.2
236.40	Body Shop	153	+9	1.6	1.4	17.7
62.90	Brown & Jackson	13½	-½	...	...	...
260.60	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	22.1
1,055.20	Burton	75½	-1½	...	3.6	...
23.60	Cantors	142	-1	...	2.5	18.9
32.90	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
18.20	Clinton Cards	134	+6	3.7	3.7	...
1,304.00	Coats Viyella	226	-1	7.0	4.1	25.9
30.10	Colourvision▲	99	-1	...	...	16.7
103.20	Courts Furnsh	423	+9	5.0	1.6	21.2
2.08	Crown Eyes▲	130	...	...	6.3	6.0
1,668.40	Dairy Farm Intl	101	-4	...	...	...
69.30	Dewhirst (I)	96	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
960.50	Dixons Grp	219	-7	6.0	3.7	23.8
677.60	Dunhill	375	-3	7.7	2.7	13.0
6.02	ERA Gp	14	-5	...	...	6.5
5.82	Elys (Wimbldn)	445	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
12.70	Essex Furn	111	...	...	3.3	18.6
147.60	Etam	226	+13	6.6	3.9	20.2
474.10	Fine Art Dev	546	+4	11.6	2.7	21.0
2.30	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
15.30	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
6.19	French Conn▲	39	+2	...	...	...
4.34	Gabbicci▲	37	+9	...	7.2	7.4
18.60	Gent SR	52	+2	2.0	5.1	15.3
8.33	Goldsmiths Gp	38	-1	1.8	...	...
138.80	GUS	2550 †	...	40.0	2.1	20.3
3,970.20	-do- 'A'	1643 †	+53	40.0	3.2	13.1
4.19	Hampden Grp▲	35	-1	...	7.6	5.0
223.30	Hartstone	217	-50	4.8	3.0	13.3
22.60	Helene Plc	23½	-½	2.0	11.4	10.3
1.77	Heritage▲	40	+6	...	...	...
4.47	Honeysuckle▲	55	...	...	2.5	7.7
7.90	Hse of Lerose	137	-4	10.3	10.0	20.8
6.08	Jacques Vert	64	-1	2.0	...	...
2,714.60	Kingfisher	544	-16	...	3.4	16.3
25.30	Leslie Wise Gp	73	+2	4.0	7.5	-
109.20	Liberty	659	-22	7.2	1.5	44.8
313.60	Lloyds Chem	266	-11	5.5	2.8	10.4
732.60	MFI	136	...	...	4.0	16.8
9,088.20	Marks Spencer	330	-7	7.1	2.9	20.1
260.20	Menzies (John)	468 †	-20	10.0	2.8	15.6
22.70	Moss Bros	136	-1	5.0	4.9	26.2
527.50	Next	143	-4½	0.7	0.7	28.2
4.80	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
119.50	Oriflame Intl	230	-19	...	5.2	15.0
69.10	Pentos	48	-3	2.7	7.6	5.7
105.30	QS Hldgs	266	...	4.7	2.4	20.8
49.80	Ratners Group	17	-1	2.4	18.8	...
15.30	Rhino Grp▲	30½	...	...	...	...
163.00	Sherwood Gp	157	-3	...	1.9	15.1
1,475.90	Sears	98	-4½	...	4.8	26.9
1,150.60	Smith WH 'A'	423 †	-1	13.4	4.2	14.9
1.24	Specialeyes▲	8	-½	...	...	...
746.90	Storehouse	182	-8	5.0	3.7	...
109.40	T & S Stores	172	-5	5.5	4.3	11.2
54.00	Tie Rack	105	-7	0.5	0.6	...
98.90	Time Products	198	...	7.5	5.3	18.4
6.43	Usher (Frank)▲	92	+12	...	7.4	7.1
16.50	Vivat	70	...	...	...	...
2.77	Wensum▲	37	...	...	...	6.6
269.90	Wickes	89	-7	...	...	...
4.72	Wld of Leather▲	58	...	...	...	68.2
48.80	Wyevale▲	159	-4	...	3.1	17.7
4.24	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18.80	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
236.90	ACT Group	168	-1	4.5	3.6	16.5
34.40	Acal▲	238	+5	...	3.3	19.9
80.30	Acorn Comp▲	121	+6	...	...	...
49.00	Admiral	454	-13	3.4	1.6	-
55.60	Alba	130	+1	4.7	5.3	15.6
7.71	Alphameric	30	-2	...	...	...
159.80	Amstrad	27½	+3	0.4	...	...
25.10	App Holo▲	121	-3	...	...	...
4.21	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
136.90	Astec	44½	-½	...	...	...
26.10	Beales Hunter	266	...	9.2	4.5	14.0
6.10	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
1,098.10	BICC	325	-16	19.2	7.9	19.0
131.40	Bick	530	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
397.60	Borland▲	1400	-100	...	...	...
460.50	Bowthorpe	286	-6	6.0	2.8	19.6
25,844.90	BT	418	+17½	14.4	4.6	15.6
2.14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
43.20	Burnfield	126	...	...	6.1	18.1
3,054.10	Cable Wireless	743	+4	13.2	2.4	22.9
34.60	Chloride	14½	+2	...	...	...
12.10	Clarke T	82	...	6.5	10.8	11.8
40.40	CML Micro▲	248	+3	...	2.4	16.5
12.40	Comptr People	89	+3	5.4	...	11.5
273.10	Cray Elect	135	-5	...	0.5	11.0
35.50	Critchley	308	+2	...	2.6	21.8
636.60	Delta	431	-5	14.0	4.3	17.0
12.90	Denmans Ele	29	...	...	2.7	-
153.80	Domino	600 †	+17	7.2	1.6	-
82.50	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	15.7
61.80	Druck▲	985	...	...	1.3	23.5
784.10	Electrocompnts	375	-5	7.0	2.5	20.3
46.40	El Data Prc	533	-2	5.1	1.3	14.5
17.30	Electron House	67 †	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
19.60	Emess	18½	...	1.0	...	...
230.80	Eurotherm	527	-2	8.0	2.0	24.0
543.20	FKI	123	-3	2.3	2.5	23.8
475.90	Farnell Elect	357	...	5.8	2.2	19.5
2.96	Feedback▲	39	...	...	...	...
128.70	Ferranti	13½	-1½	...	...	...
20.60	First Tech	139	+11	...	...	...
10.80	Forward Gp▲	149	+7	...	2.2	12.9
5.95	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
8,013.30	GEC	294½	-2½	9.6	4.3	15.6
105.70	Graseby	167	-2	10.9	8.7	14.5
1.46	Hilclare▲	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
422.80	Hoskyns Gp	453	-1	2.4	0.7	-
4.72	INSTEM▲	105	+15	...	5.3	6.7
64.60	Jones Stroud	355 †	+7	8.0	3.0	15.5
2.26	Kenroby	8	...	0.3	6.1	3.1
8.66	Kewill Syst▲	72½	+2½	...	...	3.6
13.90	Kode	150	-15	...	3.6	19.8
4.19	Laser-Scan▲	26	-10	...	...	...
43.40	LBMS▲	250	-8	...	...	...
17.10	Lec Refrig	253	-5	14.5	6.8	21.6
271.00	Life Sciences	170	-1	3.3	2.6	18.9
108.90	Lorica	177	-6	3.6	2.7	25.4
3.92	LPA Ind▲	47	-1	...	10.0	13.3
147.60	Macro 4	638	+45	...	2.7	21.2
94.50	Memtec▲	587	-8	...	2.0	19.3
128.50	Microfilm Rep	198	-1	4.3	2.9	18.9
341.50	Micro Focus	2475	-398	...	...	-
98.60	Microgen	226	...	7.2	4.3	-
19.90	Microvitec▲	30½	...	...	...	...
196.10	Misys	508	+10	6.1	1.6	23.2
96.40	Mitel	122	+2	...	...	...
14.40	MMT Comp▲	136	-2	...	3.4	17.3
4.71	Molyns	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
45.80	MTL Inst▲	260	...	...	1.7	16.2
22.90	Multitone Elect	152	-7	3.0	2.6	18.6
9.87	Murray Elect	142	-1	1.8	1.8	-
12,990.70	NYNEX	6300	+275	...	...	...
47.00	Neotronics	183	...	2.6	1.9	23.0
1.33	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
5.54	Norbain▲	90	-2	...	1.7	12.0
7.29	Northamber	41	...	0.5	1.6	...
15.20	Oceonics	11	+1½	...	...	7.1
103.60	Oxford Inst	215 †	-4	4.3	2.7	14.5
14.40	P-E Intern'l	66	+3	6.2	...	...
30.50	P & P	55	-3	1.4	3.4	-
62.70	Peek	72	+1	3.4	6.3	21.3
11.00	Pentasus▲	171	+11	...	5.0	-
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
2,525.50	-do- Lmp m	825	-50	...	...	...
20.90	Pico	452	...	7.7	2.3	38.6
14.90	-do- 'A' Voting	472	...	7.7	2.4	36.9
4.32	Plasmec▲	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
24.20	Pressac	95	-1	2.4	3.4	19.5
24.20	Prism▲	110	-3	...	2.0	...
1.77	Ptarmigan	9	-½	...	...	...
527.90	Racal Elect	189	-10	1.5	1.1	22.4
9.48	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
16.60	Radius▲	61	...	...	5.9	15.4
4.27	Real Time▲	61	-2	...	6.6	5.6
6.70	Riva▲	26	+4	...	...	...
112.50	Sage Gp	549	...	9.0	2.2	17.6
24.50	Scantronic	95	-1	2.9	6.1	20.5
51.20	Scholes Grp	135	...	5.0	4.9	36.5
347.50	Sema Gp	272	-6	2.6	1.2	23.4
11.60	Silvermines	36	...	...	8.0	...
4.00	Soundtracks▲	40	...	...	7.3	-
2,449.10	TDK	1862½	-18½	...	1.5	19.6
0.50	TDS Circuits▲	5½	+½	...	...	...
91.70	Telemetrix	103	-7	0.6	0.8	35.9
3,435.40	THORN EMI	842	-10	30.1	4.6	21.7
14.20	Thorpe FW	110	-1	2.5	3.0	11.3
8.72	Total Systems▲	87	-11	2.2	3.4	15.5
67.80	Tunstall	421	+14	6.0	1.9	19.0
153.00	Unitech	224 †	-6	5.8	3.5	39.2
8.57	Verity▲	9½	-1	...	...	...
31.60	Vistec▲	26	+½	...	1.5	22.2
3,959.70	Vodafone	394	-1	...	2.0	19.3
106.50	Volex	406 †	-7	...	5.6	20.6
2.41	Western Selectn	16	+1	...	...	...
32.00	Wholesale Fittgs	225 †	...	11.7	6.9	21.4

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
951.00	East Midlands	436	-11	17.1	5.2	8.4
1,223.50	Eastern Elect	455	+6	16.7	4.9	11.3
1,217.40	Hydro-Elect	247½	-2½	10.1	4.3	11.5
985.80	London Elect	452	+1	16.8	5.0	8.7
605.90	Manweb	510	+9	18.2	4.8	7.4
1,005.60	Midlands Elec	480	+6	17.2	4.8	10.1
620.40	Northern Elec	504	+12	16.5	4.9	7.5
858.30	Norweb	497	+4	17.7	4.7	9.4
2,424.60	Scottish Power	227½	-7	10.1	4.5	11.1
629.40	Seeboard	494	+9	17.2	4.7	8.9
536.40	Sth Wales	528	-2	19.4	4.9	8.4
566.00	Sth Western	476	-2	17.4	4.9	8.6
1,247.40	Southern Elec	462	+6	16.6	4.8	9.1
1,057.20	Yorkshire Elec	510	+15	17.7	4.6	9.5
4,040.70	National Powr	317	+1	9.1	3.8	10.5
2,505.60	PowerGen	320	+2	9.2	3.9	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22.10	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
11.00	BWD▲	64	-4	...	6.3	9.9
17.80	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
364.40	Caledonia	439	+2	14.4	4.4	16.8
36.30	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
56.30	Candover	248	...	9.5	5.1	30.5
28.50	Flextech▲	43	-2	...	...	8.2
162.90	Govett	199	+1	...	7.0	5.9
38.10	Ivory Sime	131½	-½	...	6.3	13.9
3.59	LIT	6½	-½	...	...	...
0.46	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
175.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	175	+2	...	6.6	-
15.40	Manakin	26	...	...	...	...
10.60	Nat Home Loan	10½	+½	...	...	...
16.00	Newmarket	45	-1	...	...	...
49.30	Rathbone Brs	250	-1	...	2.7	17.2
15.40	Rutland Tst	19	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
30.00	S & U	280	-11	...	3.9	10.1
119.30	Singer & Fried	62	-2	2.5	5.4	13.6
180.20	Sotheby's	900 †	-15½	...	4.6	...
268.10	SJP Capital	99	-4	3.0	4.0	17.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,036.70	Amer Express	1681½	+34½	...	...	...
377.10	Electra	215	+4	6.7	4.1	29.7
197.70	Henderson Ad	928	-10	41.0	5.9	20.4
273.20	Invesco MIM	109	+12	...	3.7	16.0
1,695.00	Jardine Strat	208	...	...	3.5	9.3
615.10	MAI	191	+15	6.0	4.2	13.9
786.10	MAM	418	-9	11.5	3.7	16.7
558.70	M & G	738	-8	20.0	3.6	19.6
43.90	Smith New Crt	145	-2	4.5	4.1	5.8
30.60	Sterling Tst▲	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
37.80	Trio Hldgs	68	-3½	...	5.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,227.00	AB Food	496	+14	14.0	3.8	11.4
1,797.00	ASDA Group	62 †	-3	...	3.4	20.0
71.60	Acatos & Hutch	217 †	+8	6.5	4.0	12.5
404.60	Albert Fisher	67	-1	3.7	7.5	11.2
4,098.00	Argyll	365	-11	9.7	3.6	14.4
28.10	Ashley Group	20	...	0.7	5.0	...
27.30	Assoc Fisheries	134	...	7.0	7.0	24.7
16.30	Banks (S C)	194	+6	8.2	5.8	9.6
64.80	Barr (AG)	343	-1	6.5	2.5	-
7.50	Bensons Crsp▲	93	+2	...	4.1	9.9
134.10	Berisford Intl	125	...	...	...	...
900.60	Booker	424	+9	21.7	6.8	12.9
21.10	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
208.60	Brake Bros	430	-4	5.7	1.8	18.0
71.50	Budgen	44	+5	...	3.0	15.0
3,480.00	Cadbury-Schw	469	-5	12.5	3.6	17.2
7.52	Carrs Milling	84	+1	3.9	6.2	16.8
36.70	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
16.60	Cranswick▲	195	...	...	5.4	13.1
4.58	Cullens	17½	-1½	0.5	3.8	9.4
34.80	Dalepak	300 †	+6	6.0	2.7	13.5
1,048.30	Dalgety	461	-9	19.5	5.7	13.2
2.83	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
30.60	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
65.00	Farepak▲	238	...	...	2.3	20.4
2.05	Farringford	8½	-½	...	...	...
82.80	Finlay (James)	83	-2	4.1	6.7	15.5
237.90	Fyffes	85 †	...	...	1.8	11.6
306.70	Geest	429	+7	7.9	2.5	16.3
10.80	Global▲	9	...	...	7.4	8.3
17.00	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
407.10	Hazlewood Fds	176	+13	6.1	4.6	10.7
1,082.50	Hillsdown	158	+3	8.8	7.4	9.5
10.60	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
625.20	Iceland Frozen	687	+7	8.5	1.6	15.4
51.00	JLI Group	123	-3	4.5	4.9	17.7
1,292.10	Kwik Save	839	-20	16.0	2.5	17.5
129.90	Low (Wm)	243	-1	8.4	4.6	11.8
60.80	Matthews (B)	49	-1	4.5	...	10.4
14.00	Merchant Retail	19½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
1,136.60	Morrison (W)	160	-7	...	0.6	25.1
83.40	Nichols (JN)	528	+10	12.3	3.1	15.1
1,507.40	Nthn Foods	264	+2	...	4.0	14.5
6.87	Nthmbrn Fre▲	19	-2	...	...	7.9
225.70	Nurdin Peack	179	...	5.5	4.1	12.1
119.20	Park Foods	228	+6	3.2	1.9	27.2
110.20	Perkins Food	93	+2	4.3	6.2	8.1
40.70	PizzaExpress	77 †	-2	...	0.9	44.3
978.50	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
2.07	Regina Hlth▲	1½	...	...	...	...
9,326.00	Sainsbury J	526	+5½	8.7	2.2	19.6
1.54	Sentry Farm▲	36	-1	...	3.7	8.4
65.30	Sims Food	220	...	11.2	6.8	11.9
1,551.30	Tate & Lyle	437	-31	13.0	3.7	16.1
4,594.30	Tesco	235	-2	6.3	3.6	11.2
133.90	Thorntons	210	+1	3.6	2.3	19.6
15.30	Treats▲	162	+2	...	3.0	15.2
816.40	Unigate	351	-4	15.3	5.9	12.5
1,970.80	Utd Biscuits	379	+25	15.3	5.4	13.2
14.50	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
123.40	Watson & Phil	318	...	13.3	5.6	16.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.92	Abrdn Stk H▲	16	...	...	...	...
160.00	City Centre Rest	84	+1	1.4	2.3	22.5
1,599.00	Forte	195	...	9.9	6.8	...
20.10	Friendly Hotels	173	+2	5.5	4.2	13.9
2.13	Harmony Leis▲	8	...	...	...	...
23.30	Jurys Hotel	88	-4	...	7.0	10.3
2,119.70	Ladbroke	195	-2	11.1	7.6	16.1
500.80	Mandarin Orntl	73	+3	...	4.7	19.2
466.70	Queens Moat	50½	-3½	2.8	7.6	6.7
181.30	-do- 7¾% cvpr	96	-1½	7.5	10.9	...
3.15	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
52.00	Resort Hotels	51	-2	3.4	9.0	10.0
205.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	720	+2	7.0	1.3	...
167.00	Stakis	46	...	...	1.3	-

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40.90	AAF Inds	322	-2	...	4.5	11.7
440.70	AAH	574	+6	16.3	4.2	16.6
20.20	AIM	145	-5	6.5	6.0	9.0
355.30	APV	121	-1	5.4	6.0	21.8
69.00	ASW	13½	+9	9.0	...	25.2
98.60	Adwest	152	+7	7.0	6.1	21.6
4.56	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
54.40	Airsprung	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
43.40	Alendra W	129	+8	3.6	3.7	69.8
1.42	Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
72.00	Alumasc	496	+25	11.0	3.0	14.9
15.90	Alvis	29	+2	1.0	4.6	6.0
16.40	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.5
1.98	Amberley Gp▲	33	+13	...	...	...
20.70	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.1	4.0	...
254.50	Antofagasta	850	-13	...	2.2	30.8
11.10	Armour	47½	-½	1.4	4.0	12.8
41.80	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
7.88	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
115.50	Avon Rubber	554	+4	16.5	4.0	-
20.80	Assoc Nurse▲	190	...	...	...	7.2
55.10	Atlas Equip▲	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
4.90	Ayrshire Metal	48	+2	...	...	...
501.60	BBA	160	-2	7.5	6.3	30.6
1.86	BLP Group▲	2½	...	...	...	...
63.20	BM Gp	57	-1	5.0	11.2	2.4
3,564.50	BOC	752	-3	23.2	4.1	16.5
147.30	BSG	71	-1½	3.2	6.0	19.2
105.90	BSS Group	409	...	...	5.6	16.3
11,109.50	BTR	558	-2	16.5	3.9	19.6
104.20	BWI	219	-1	6.7	4.1	24.1
158.20	Babcock	35	-1	3.1	...	7.3
3.99	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
293.60	Baird (Wm)	261	+2	9.9	4.5	16.8
1,348.20	Barlow Rand	687½	-6½	...	5.5	3.3
3.04	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
77.10	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	1.3	2.8	19.5
1.62	Beaufort	14	+2	1.9	...	...
6.62	Beckenham▲	7½	...	...	8.9	...
1.28	Bedford (W)▲	27	...	...	...	...
32.50	Benson Group	25	-1	0.1	0.5	23.0
173.10	Bespak	987	+2	9.6	1.2	21.4
197.00	Bibby (J)	126	-4	9.7	10.9	7.0
3.09	Billam (J)	191	-14	4.2	3.0	8.8
1.35	Bilston Bruns▲	32	...	...	...	19.0
10.20	Bimec Ind	9½	-½	0.6	...	...
9.15	Black Arrow	37	-3	2.1	7.6	8.8
7.31	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
94.30	Black (Peter)	173	+2	3.9	3.3	17.7
12.80	Bluebird Toys▲	166	-14	...	...	...
151.00	Bodycote	536	-3	9.2	2.3	18.6
5,065.40	Boots	468	-12	12.4	3.4	18.3
2.12	Booth Inds	53	-4	3.2	8.1	5.5
2,122.70	Bowater	502 †	-4	11.5	3.1	23.0
538.50	Bowater Inc	1466 †	+34	...	...	...
50.40	Boxmore Intl▲	227	...	...	2.0	21.9
10.80	Brasway	14	...	0.5	5.5	18.1
105.40	Brammer	248	-4	13.0	7.0	17.1
4.26	Bridgend Gp	14½	-½	1.2	...	6.5
44.20	Bridon	78	-11	4.0	...	...
6.51	Bridport-Gndry	65	+2	4.1	8.4	12.2
477.40	Brierley Inv	39	...	...	8.1	9.6
33.40	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
1.59	Br Bloodstock▲	42	...	...	...	...
117.10	Br Polythene	478	-3	9.0	2.5	14.5
1,610.00	Br Steel	89½	-5	...	1.7	76.7
40.70	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
13.60	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.5	...
549.70	Br Vita	257	-5	...	3.7	10.9
15.50	Britton Grp	11½	+1½	...	...	...
11,166.90	Broken Hill	697	+27	...	2.6	33.1
71.20	Bromsgrve Ind	106	-3	4.0	5.0	14.6
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	-½	...	...	...
16.90	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
128.30	Bullough	107 †	...	6.0	7.5	18.3
4.36	Business Tech▲	21	-1	...	...	25.3
19.00	CI Group	22	-2	2.0	12.4	9.0
3.46	Campbell & Arm	24	...	3.0	...	...
11.10	Cannon St	10½	-½	3.3	...	...
123.70	Cape	233	...	10.5	6.0	14.9
84.00	Cardo Eng	201	...	7.8	5.2	16.9
2,137.00	Carnaud Mtl	2650	-97	...	3.4	8.2
3.89	Cassidy Bros▲	72	+4	...	4.4	8.0
13.50	Castings	159	-1	4.0	3.4	11.3
8.77	Chamberlin Hill	130	...	6.0	6.7	7.2
684.10	Charter Cons	646	-4	21.5	4.4	15.5
49.50	Chemring	254	-1	...	4.3	15.3
6.42	Chieftain Gp▲	74	...	...	8.8	6.2
7.11	Chillington	25	-1	0.5	2.7	...
246.10	Christies Int	155	+1	3.3	...	...
8.02	Clayhithe	48	...	2.5	6.9	...
1.86	Clayton Son	85	-3	3.0	4.7	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
6.96	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
65.90	Community H	202	-5	6.5	4.3	12.6
127.10	Concentric	236	+2	...	3.2	18.8
31.10	Cook (Wm)	142	-10	10.0	...	9.5
925.50	Cookson	207	-1	6.0	3.9	28.8
4.86	Copymore▲	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
86.50	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	214	-1	5.7	3.6	16.1
19.70	Cosalt	171	+1	10.7	8.4	26.0
7.73	Creighton Nt▲	210	-10	...	4.4	15.2
25.90	CrestaCare	31	+2	0.7	3.0	20.0
1,462.10	Dana	3187½	+87½	...	...	...
243.20	Danka Bs Sys	635	+57	3.7	0.8	19.5
0.76	Davies (DY)▲	13	+2	...	...	...
1,255.70	De La Rue	654	-13	15.0	3.1	20.0
3.18	Dinkie Heel	24	-1	0.9	5.3	11.4
237.30	Diploma	426	+2	9.7	3.1	22.2
74.20	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
1.60	Dyson (J&R)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
7.83	-do- 'A'	65	+1	5.0	10.3	9.3
2.66	EFG▲	17	...	...	...	...
149.40	EIS	407	+1	11.7	3.8	15.2
4.75	EIT Gp▲	9½	...	...	...	...
2.79	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
6.67	Eleco	23	-2	3.3	...	13.5
1,491.70	Electrolux 'B'	2025	-56½	...	2.9	-
15.50	Elliott (B)	63	+6	...	...	...
1,192.60	Eng China Cl	446	-15	20.0	6.0	15.3
3,958.30	Ericsson 'B'	2112½	+40½	...	1.6	-
23.50	Erskine Hse	51	-7	6.6	17.4	5.3
18.90	Eurocopy	39 †	...	1.6	5.5	15.1
40.30	Expamet	64	-4	10.3	...	7.6
210.90	Fairey Group	567	+2	9.0	2.1	18.8
37.90	Fenner	87	-3	4.2	6.4	16.4
3.17	Ferraris Group▲	54	-1	...	2.5	12.3
3.06	Ferromet▲	1½	+½	...	...	...
9.12	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
3.47	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
1,527.10	Fisons	221	-17	8.7	5.2	16.1
37.40	Fitzwilton	32	...	15.8	...	...
59.80	Flogas	245	...	...	4.1	10.0
12.90	Folkes Group nv	42	...	2.2	7.5	8.5
8.14	French (Thomas)	68	+3	3.6	7.1	34.1
107.80	Frost Group	590	...	2.0	0.5	35.5
30.20	GEI Int	82	+1	7.3	11.9	16.9
1,225.70	GKN	468	-12	20.5	5.5	29.9
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	-5	...	6.0	...
3.20	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
244.30	Gestetner	134	-18	8.2	8.0	5.6
3.68	Glaves	27	-4	...	...	19.5
20,190.10	Glaxo	667	+1	17.0	3.4	18.2
6.00	Glenchewton	23	...	...	...	...
547.20	Glynwed	265	-4	11.6	3.9	26.1
43.90	Goode Durrant	83	-2	5.4	8.7	17.6
75.30	Grampian Hd	109	-3	5.5	6.7	14.1
1,653.60	Granada	390	+4	7.7	2.6	20.8
38.30	Great Sthrn▲	325	+5	...	4.1	14.0
6.60	Green (Ernst)▲	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
17.30	Greenacre▲	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
1.99	Guardian Grp▲	10½	-2½	...	...	...
35.10	Haden MacLn	40	+5	8.0	...	6.3
5.65	Hadleigh Inds▲	78	+1	...	...	...
40.90	Hall Eng	140	...	8.6	8.2	12.5
358.70	Halma	245	-6	2.2	1.2	30.3
23.20	Hampson Ind	38	+1	2.3	...	10.3
12,185.70	Hanson	252½	+5½	...	6.1	12.7
20.10	Harris (Philip)	239	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
1,172.90	Harrisn Crsfld	169	...	9.0	7.1	29.2
10.40	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
5.22	Hawthorn Les▲	2½	...	...	...	...
6.15	Hay (Norman)	41	-2	1.1	...	...
3.54	Headway	22	+1	0.7	4.2	11.6
690.90	Hepworth	336	-7	14.8	5.9	13.4
10.20	Hewitt (J)	182	+2	3.0	2.2	-
0.97	High-Point	17	-9	1.3	10.2	...
35.40	Hill & Smith	127 †	+7	6.0	6.3	-
7.30	Hobson▲	9	...	...	...	...
3.18	Holders Tech▲	102	-8	...	8.0	13.7
29.60	Hopkinsons	38	...	3.7	...	11.0
11.50	Hornby▲	142	-4	...	8.5	11.1
8.79	Hospital Crp	11	-1½	...	9.7	3.0
137.20	Howden	63	...	3.3	4.7	9.3
175.20	Hunting	232	-1	10.0	5.7	18.1
73.40	Huntigh Tec▲	853	-27	...	0.7	31.5
952.60	IMI	263	-7	10.0	5.1	18.2
37.20	ISA Intl	96	...	1.3	1.9	18.5
50.70	Intercare Gp▲	199	+6	...	1.7	21.0
30.20	Isotron	244	-6	3.9	2.2	15.5
3,328.80	Jardine Math	473	+30	...	2.4	13.7
896.60	Johnson Math	479	...	9.6	2.7	19.9
76.50	Johnson & FB	54½	-1	3.0	7.3	16.8
11.90	Johnston	114	-2	9.0	...	53.7
2.80	Jones Shipman	23	-1	...	...	...
3.60	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
6.82	Kalamazoo	37	...	...	...	30.5
186.70	Kalon	141	+½	3.2	3.0	22.8
8.65	Kelsey Ind	258	...	13.0	6.0	...
158.80	Kershaw (A)	543	...	27.0	6.9	27.2
13.30	Kleen-E-Ze	95	+1	...	...	...
3.91	LGW▲	96	+8	...	1.7	30.6
323.30	Laird	277	-17	...	4.9	13.4
40.90	Lee (Arthur)	122	-4	5.9	6.4	51.8
22.00	Lilleshall	130	-1	4.0	4.1	13.8
8.61	Lincat▲	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
2.26	Lincoln Hse▲	14	-½	...	...	-
12.10	Linread	101	-1	3.5	...	14.3
24.40	Linton Park	195	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
36.50	Lionheart	13½	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
2.55	Locker (T) A	18½	-½	1.0	7.2	58.3
370.00	Lon Intl	220	+1	9.4	5.7	15.0
675.90	Lonrho	88½	-2	...	6.0	...
252.30	Low & Bonar	325	+25	9.1	3.3	-
1,442.30	MB-Caradon	317	+5	8.5	3.6	24.9
285.10	-do- pf	159½	+2½	7.2	6.1	...
28.90	ML Hldgs	19	...	1.8	...	18.3
0.22	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
20.00	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.5	14.6
133.10	Macfarlane	264	-1	4.2	2.1	25.0
318.00	Mckechnie	398	-1	14.7	4.9	20.8
42.90	McLeod Russel	90	-5	6.0	8.9	11.0
37.90	Maddox	8½	-½	...	...	...
3.96	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	48.3
12.40	Mang Bronze	75	+1	1.0	1.8	...
37.10	Marling	33	-2½	0.3	...	...
32.40	Mayborn▲	166	...	...	3.4	14.2
41.60	Mayflower	42	+1½	...	1.3	20.8
462.70	Medeva	214	-2	1.5	0.9	21.2
206.80	Meggitt	96	-2	3.6	5.0	14.3
95.70	Mentr	116	-1	...	4.1	15.3
11.60	Metsec▲	75	-1	...	6.7	...
8.23	Midsumr▲	54	+1	...	7.4	8.8
5.07	Mining & Ald	17½	...	...	...	...
133.30	Molins	430	...	12.7	4.0	11.5
697.10	Morgan Cble	322	+2	12.6	5.2	15.8
11.10	Morris Ashly▲	13½	-1	...	4.6	11.8
6.26	Nartend	26	-1	1.5	...	...
35.20	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
13.70	Noto Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
201.10	Norcros	146	+2	7.0	6.3	25.4
24.60	Nova Group	39	...	1.0	...	...
139.30	Nu-Swift	315	-3	...	8.5	8.7
2.89	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
15.60	OMI Intl	30½	-1½	1.7	7.7	...
10.70	PCT▲	126	...	...	6.9	12.3
2.26	Pacer Systems▲	48	+1	...	7.6	...
436.00	Pentland	121	+1	2.2	2.5	17.4
22.60	Photo-Me	378	...	4.4	1.6	19.3
845.40	Pilkington	108	-7½	6.0	7.4	39.1
3.66	Plasmo	25	...	...	...	...
51.90	Plantsbrook	70	+1	...	5.5	10.7
224.10	Polypipe	147	+6	1.9	1.8	22.0
319.50	Portals	695	+7	11.8	3.7	16.1
28.30	Porter Chadbn	30	...	2.5	11.4	7.2
1.49	Portn Gp▲	7½	...	...	...	...
332.40	Powerscreen	352	-1	6.0	2.3	19.9
34.20	Prosper Inds	19½	...	0.7	5.1	9.8
5.03	RPS Group▲	42	...	...	...	14.0
1.79	Radiant Metal	45	+5	...	...	...
23.60	Ransom (Wm)	143	+14	...	1.9	...
2,172.90	Rank Org	687	-8	31.0	6.2	18.2
14.70	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
2,226.30	Reckitt Colm	622	+5	15.1	3.2	14.7
32.62	Redsed	68	...	7.6	7.1	13.1
4.83	Reece	3½	+1½	...	...	13.1
36.50	Relyon	169	-9	4.9	3.9	22.0
138.80	Renishaw	285	-3	6.5	3.0	21.8
37.50	Renold	57	+1	1.0	2.3	...
6,057.50	Reuters	1383	+71	...	2.1	23.0
4.53	Rexmore	27½	-½	1.7	8.5	6.8
35.40	Ricardo Group	112	+7	5.7	6.8	28.8
5.11	Richard (Leics)	61	+2	4.4	9.6	6.1
16.80	Richardson West	64	...	2.9	6.0	15.3
6.04	Ropner	123	+2	8.3	8.9	8.8
18.00	-do- 'A'	115	+2	8.2	9.6	8.2
38.90	Ross Gp	34	-1	0.4	1.8	18.7
126.90	Rotork	439	-1	10.0	3.0	20.3
12.30	Rubicon	122 †	...	...	1.6	...
12.70	Russell (A)	54	-3	2.1	5.3	28.5
11.70	SEP Indl	19	...	0.6	4.6	-
430.30	SKF 'B'	675	-75	...	5.9	...
30.60	Sanderson Elec	234	-1	9.0	5.1	10.0
17.30	Savage▲	48	-3	...	0.7	63.2
42.00	Saville Grdn (J)	42	-2	2.2	7.1	16.4
553.90	Scapa	244	+2	5.3	2.9	19.9
150.50	Scholl	224	-4	6.0	3.6	16.1
1.97	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
40.00	Securicor	965 †	...	2.6	0.4	...
501.60	-do- 'A'	620 †	+2	2.6	0.6	-
570.00	Security Serv	520 †	+10	3.0	1.3	-
214.80	Senior Eng	89½	+1	3.1	4.7	14.8
97.80	Seton Healthc	336	-24	...	2.0	21.5
2.33	Sheldon Jones▲	45	+2	...	...	...
5.14	Shiloh	89	-3	2.7	4.1	24.1
115.20	Sidlaw	333	-4	10.0	4.0	15.5
1,627.50	Siebe	471	-9	...	2.6	19.8
134.00	Silentnight	284	-1	8.0	3.8	15.8
1,848.20	Sime Darby	118	-2	...	3.8	14.5
118.70	Simon Eng	118	-5	15.7	17.7	15.5
56.00	Sinclair (Wm)	257	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
25.30	Six Hundred	47	+1	2.5	7.1	...
1,602.10	Smith & Neph	156	-4	4.4	3.8	19.6
6,165.30	Smithkline	453	+21	...	2.5	17.7
5,161.40	Smthkline Uts	394	-17	...	3.4	15.4
1,033.60	Smiths Ind	348	+6	11.2	4.3	14.2
79.20	Sthn Bus	82	-48	3.3	5.5	7.8
33.80	Spandex▲	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
15.70	Spear (JW)	300	...	10.0	4.4	9.3
261.30	Spirax-Sarco	345	+3	9.0	3.5	20.6
454.60	Spring Ram	123	...	0.2	0.3	16.2
275.60	Staveley	243	-1	8.2	4.5	13.9
41.20	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
2.31	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
146.20	Suter	136	-1	8.8	8.2	12.0
	Swire Pacific 'A'	305	+10	...	2.5	22.3
5.56	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
20.70	Sylone	234	-1	9.4	5.0	11.7
836.90	T & N	191	+1	10.8	7.6	36.1
1,342.70	TI	290	-7	10.2	4.7	15.6
3.39	TLS Range▲	15	...	...	4.4	...
213.30	TT Group	266	+2	...	3.0	17.3
209.90	Takare	338	-7	1.5	0.8	23.6
6,589.30	Takeda Chem	754	+18	...	0.6	20.0
1.99	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
5.62	Tinsley (E)▲	78	...	...	8.9	9.1
22.50	Titon▲	200	-2	...	2.4	17.4
2,941.50	Tomkins	261	-4	...	3.2	18.3
402.30	Trafalgar H	79	+1½	3.2	5.8	5.3
149.80	-do- 'A'	76½	+1½	...	...	...
79.50	Transfer Tech	425	+5	...	4.1	11.2
108.40	Triplex Lloyd	168 †	-1	7.0	5.6	15.4
326.30	UniChem	237	-4	5.0	2.8	17.5
39.70	Unidare	310	...	...	6.6	11.6
5.57	Unigroup	19	+1	...	...	...
9,910.30	Unilever	1225	+79	20.8	2.3	-
12,509.80	Unilever (NV)	7787½	+462½	...	2.7	12.5
225.10	VSEL	605	+15	25.0	5.5	7.0
11.10	Verson	8	-½	...	...	...
335.10	Vickers	127½	-3½	6.0	...	28.8
160.70	Victaulic	366	+12	...	2.7	17.4
138.10	Vinten	355	+24	6.6	2.5	19.1
151.10	Vosper Thorny	489	-1	13.1	3.6	11.8
4.28	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.0	9.7	7.1
188.70	Wagon Ind	428	-1	...	5.3	16.6
67.60	Walker Greenbk	74	+1	3.1	5.6	17.6
357.10	Wassall	234	+4	...	1.4	28.4
184.30	Wtrford Wdgwd	26	...	...	...	...
505.20	Weir	651	-6	10.5	2.2	18.9
7,637.30	Wellcome	886	-39	13.0	2.0	24.5
7.38	Wellman	23	-½	2.2	...	8.6
107.20	Whatman	485	+2	8.7	2.4	17.5
91.10	Whessoe	313	-12	...	3.4	12.2
12.90	Wheway	9½	-½	1.0	14.4	...
17.50	Whitecroft	40	...	4.0	...	4.1
4.36	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
9.46	Wilkes (James)	48	-4	10.0	...	2.6
1,718.10	Williams Hldg	361	+10	12.3	4.5	18.4
18.00	Wilshaw	22½	...	0.4	2.4	18.4
1,322.50	Wolseley	558	+7	12.5	3.0	21.3
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
12.50	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	12.6
7.13	Young (H)	43	-2	3.0	9.3	15.8

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
726.80	Alex & Alex	1775 †	+43½	...	3.9	...
4,430.40	Am Gen	4100	+275	...	3.7	...
10.90	Archer (AJ)	43	-2	4.4	13.6	20.9
75.40	Bradstock	143	-1	5.1	4.9	17.2
730.40	Britannic	1163	+10	29.5	3.4	...
3,189.20	Com Union	595	+9	...	5.6	...
95.20	Dom & Gen	1400	...	...	1.7	23.1
51.00	FAI	21	...	...	...	...
2,560.50	Gen Accident	569	-18	26.7	6.3	...
1,631.30	GRE	187	+8	7.0	...	...
232.60	Heath C E	364	+11	16.0	5.9	21.4
115.60	Hogg Gp	185	-3	8.1	5.9	11.3
204.10	JIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
2,389.10	Legal & Gen	471	+1	19.8	5.3	...
2,309.90	Liberty Life	1014	-33	...	2.9	-
2,835.50	Lloyds Abbey	421½	-3½	17.3	5.5	-
180.40	Lloyd Thomp	281	+15	5.6	2.7	20.7
393.80	Londn & Man	328	+19	13.5	5.5	25.2
83.30	Lowndes Lmb	353	-2	12.6	4.5	14.0
4,775.10	Marsh McLn	6562½	-231½	...	2.8	...
13.50	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
18.40	PWS	59 †	...	4.0	9.0	-
5,931.40	Prudential	315½	+3½	11.0	4.6	27.4
468.40	Refuge	913	+13	29.0	4.2	40.9
1,438.60	Royal	296	-15	5.0	2.3	...
668.80	Sedgwick	163	-6	6.0	5.0	19.3
110.20	Steel Burrill	237	+3	13.3	7.5	15.0
31.90	Sturge Hldgs	63	+2	8.2	17.5	6.4
2,596.90	Sun Alliance	323	+2	14.2	5.9	...
100.50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
814.10	Transatlantic	278	+1	12.0	5.9	-
495.50	Utd Friendly	605	+5	12.3	2.7	30.7
750.10	Willis Corroon	180	-1	13.2	9.8	30.2
4.41	Windsor	16	-1	...	...	12.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
841.70	Alliance	1670	...	43.0	3.4	38.6
204.70	Amer Trust	246	-3	4.9	2.7	-
379.10	Ang & O'seas	332	-1	6.8	2.9	-
67.20	BZW Conv	133	...	7.8	7.8	15.6
227.70	Bankers	147	...	3.4	3.1	40.1
146.70	Baring Tribne	280	-1	6.4	3.1	-
7.54	Berry Starq	145	-1	2.0	1.8	49.0
391.70	Br Assets	102	-1	...	5.7	24.7
85.80	Br Empire Sec	64½	+1	0.8	1.6	65.5
2.13	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
517.00	Br Inv	166	...	4.5	3.6	41.7
35.40	Contl Asset	163	+2	2.4	2.0	-
18.90	Derby Inc	160	-8	16.6	13.9	-
32.20	-do- Cap	210	...	...	...	...
117.60	Drayton Asia	117	-2½	0.7	0.8	...
8.97	-do- Blue Chip	71	+2	8.4	16.4	7.7
22.70	-do- Eng Intl	55	...	1.2	2.9	...
122.50	-do- Far East	106 †	+3	0.6	0.8	...
22.80	-do- Korea	99	...	...	...	...
194.30	Dunedin Inc G	613	+6	25.4	5.7	-
192.30	-do- Wwde	574	+5	9.5	2.2	59.1
43.70	Dundee & Lon	260	+7	12.0	6.2	24.0
7.05	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.8	8.5
7.87	-do- Dn Pf	52½	-1	...	...	...
758.00	Edinburgh	258	-1	8.0	4.2	31.5
138.30	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.7	48.7
1.35	English Scot	91	...	...	...	...
62.10	European Asset	249	+7	...	3.0	-
21.80	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
180.10	Fleming Amer	272 †	-2	0.7	0.3	-
91.20	-do- Claver	398 †	-1	10.7	3.6	-
168.50	-do- Contl	258	+6	2.8	1.4	...
64.00	-do- Emrg	160 †	+1	4.5	3.8	35.9
384.00	-do- F East	254	+1	1.5	0.8	...
36.50	-do- Fledg	290	+2	3.0	1.4	-
32.50	-do- Hi Inc	114	+1	5.8	6.9	19.1
163.30	-do- Japan	159	+3	0.3	0.3	...
375.00	-do- Merc	259½	-2½	6.7	3.4	37.1
318.10	-do- O'seas	239¾	+1	4.0	2.2	57.2
1,161.40	Foreign & Col	321	...	...	2.0	16.3
118.60	-do- Eurotst	301	+9	1.2	0.8	...
41.30	-do- German	105	+1	0.4	0.5	...
238.30	-do- Pacific	224	+6	1.7	1.0	...
120.90	-do- Smaller	139½	...	...	1.8	68.8
104.80	GT Japan	168	+1	...	0.9	...
17.20	Genl Cons Cap	95	+1	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109 †	...	...	10.3	-
31.90	Govett Am Smlr	128	...	...	...	...
399.80	-do- Oriental	222½	+½	0.9	0.5	...
232.70	-do- Strategy	237	+3	6.7	3.8	32.7
42.10	Greenfriar	366 †	+1	6.3	2.3	-
0.22	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
49.10	Independent Inv	51½	...	0.5	1.3	...
319.10	Inv Cap	129	-½	5.1	5.3	25.9
25.80	I&S UK Smllr	99	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
143.40	Kleinwort Chrt	177 †	+3	5.0	3.8	34.4
156.50	-do- O'seas	198	+3½	3.3	2.2	-
16.40	-do- Smlr	117	...	...	4.6	23.1
130.50	Law Debenture	575	+5	...	4.1	30.2
68.70	Majedie	169	...	...	3.7	32.7
245.90	Merchants	240	-2	...	5.9	22.1
4,842.80	Merrill Lynch	4752½	+356½	...	...	...
229.80	Monks Inv Tst	425	-1	6.7	2.1	57.2
27.80	Moray Gren Inc	114	+1	...	5.4	22.6
1.36	Do Warrants	28	+2	...	...	...
13.20	Murray Euro	44	...	0.4	1.4	...
0.51	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
260.10	Murray Income	310	-1	...	4.7	29.5
371.40	-do- Intl	309	+6	11.4	5.0	-
168.90	-do- Small	301	+4	4.0	1.8	64.9
5.49	-do- S/C Inc	100 †	+1	...	14.1	9.7
3.15	-do- S/C Cap	80	...	...	...	...
1.50	-do- S/C Uts	2900 †	+25	...	4.9	...
8.65	-do- S/C DP	144½	-1	...	...	...
62.70	-do- Vent	254	...	10.5	5.4	20.0
70.50	New Frontier	70½	-2½	0.2	0.5	...
32.90	Nurburg Inc	84	+2	6.7	10.9	11.6
103.50	O'seas Inv Tst	277	...	2.8	1.3	90.8
70.40	Pacific Assets	359	+1½	1.1	0.4	-
9.98	Do Warrants	280	-2	...	...	...
12.20	Personal Assets	6100	+100	...	2.6	46.4
206.40	RIT Cap Ptnr	115	-1	1.1	1.3	53.1
24.70	River & Merc	123	...	9.2	10.2	-
	Robeco	388	+8	...	3.4	...
	Rolinco	378	+8	...	2.1	...
82.20	St Andrew Inv	239	+1	7.5	4.2	-
318.60	Scot American	142½	+1	4.3	4.1	-
37.10	Scot Asian	883	+38	...	...	...
443.50	-do- Eastern	70	-½	1.5	2.9	-
495.50	Scottish	195	-½	4.6	3.2	40.4
688.90	-do- Mtge	191	-½	3.8	2.7	46.0
37.10	-do- Value	77½	+½	...	5.1	55.2
285.10	Second Allnce	1485	+5	36.5	3.3	39.6
263.40	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	...	3.2	5.3	27.4
35.50	Selective Asset	123	+1	1.2	1.3	43.8
23.00	Sphere Inv	19	+½	...	21.8	5.4
62.80	TR Far East	135 †	...	4.5	4.4	29.6
256.20	TR City Of Lon	134	-1	4.7	4.7	28.1
91.10	TR Pacific	136	+3½	0.3	0.3	-
56.90	TR Property	20	-½	1.4	...	58.8
27.30	TR Tech Inv	62	...	1.7	3.8	30.8
292.30	TR Smlr Cos	164	-1½	3.7	3.0	48.6
179.90	Temple Bar	314	+3	13.2	5.8	-
89.00	Throgmtn Asian E	89	+4	0.6	0.7	...
172.10	Throgmorton	61	+1	2.3	5.1	-
14.30	Throg Dual Cp	408	+5	...	...	...
69.50	USDC Invest	191	+2	4.2	3.0	36.6
76.00	Value Inc Tst	86½	...	...	5.5	22.9
352.70	Whitbread Inv	598	+5	13.0	3.6	37.0
653.80	Witan	191	-1½	5.6	3.9	33.5

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.35	Airbreak Leis	3½ #	...	...	...	0.7
281.50	Airtours	306	+2	7.2	3.2	10.8
33.20	Ald Leis	52 †	-2	4.7	...	14.9
99.20	Anglia TV	225	-5	...	4.7	20.5
20.30	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
45.80	Boosey Hawks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
10.00	Border TV▲	98	...	...	3.7	12.8
27.60	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
5.72	Buckingham Int	4½	-½	2.1	...	1.1
27.10	Campari	261	...	...	5.7	7.1
130.10	Capital Radio	393	...	5.2	3.6	22.5
1,578.10	Carlton Comm	797	+17	...	2.9	23.0
12.20	Castle Comm▲	196	+1	...	5.8	22.1
481.10	Central TV	1795	-3	30.5	2.3	23.1
19.40	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
403.80	Compass Gp	593 †	+5	12.3	2.8	16.9
85.70	Eurocamp	327 †	...	9.7	4.0	-
1,708.50	Euro Disney	1005	+65	...	1.2	...
8.47	Euro Leisure	5	-½	...	...	9.7
13.90	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
9.66	Fairline Boats	276 †	...	10.5	5.1	...
539.20	First Leisure	343	+7	6.1	2.4	23.4
15.40	GWR Gp▲	303 †	+40	...	1.9	-
24.20	Grampian	173	-2	5.5	4.2	12.2
0.42	Greenwich Com▲	6	...	...	...	...
20.80	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
25.10	Hi-Tec Sports	57	-3	3.5	...	3.6
13.20	Kunick	5½	-½	...	...	...
296.70	LWT CP	335	-3	5.9	2.4	16.3
45.80	Man Utd	375	+2	18.0	6.4	12.9
213.70	Owners Abrd	131	+13	3.5	3.6	...
9.13	The Pelican Gp	42½	+½	...	3.1	14.6
9.73	Prism Leisure▲	121	+5	...	3.0	13.8
3.98	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
28.30	Radio Clyde▲	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
8.04	Ramsdens (H)	134 †	-5	...	4.5	-
235.20	Scot TV	490	-11	...	2.2	31.6
15.30	Southern Radio	54	-1	0.7	2.0	22.5
87.30	Stanley Leisure	198	+3	...	2.8	16.7
3.06	Sunleigh▲	5½	...	...	...	...
8.17	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
6.17	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
26.30	TVS	38	+1	...	...	3.2
787.40	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
84.30	Thames TV	170	-3	7.5	5.9	4.8
16.90	Ticketing▲	2	-½	...	...	...
16.00	Tottenham Hot	100	+10	...	...	3.2
25.50	Trans World▲	64	...	...	...	...
33.70	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
48.90	Wembley	19	-2	1.8	...	...
4.78	Whitegate	18½	+1	...	...	...
60.50	Yorkshire TV	122	-8	12.0	13.1	3.7
6.75	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
662.00	Am Gold	2700	...	...	8.2	12.2
333.80	Ang Am Coal	1325	+25	...	7.7	5.7
3,370.90	Ang Am	1450	-56½	...	5.3	9.0
10.90	Anglo Pac Res▲	14	...	...	...	...
15.10	Blyvoors	63	-2	...	10.8	3.1
3.22	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
36.30	Buffels	330	-8	...	13.7	7.1
4.12	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
3,749.40	CRA	632	+22	...	2.8	-
10.50	Cluff Res	14½	...	1.0	9.2	21.6
3,902.20	De Beers	1080	-18½	...	...	8.6
54.20	Deelkraal	55	-2	...	12.2	2.7
5.20	Doornfontein	13	+1	...	...	...
1,085.30	Driefontein	532	+2	...	6.9	8.8
4.30	Durban	185	-10	...	...	...
27.80	E Rand Gold	61	+1	...	19.0	1.8
5.75	E Dagga	73	+1	...	...	5.4
24.80	E Rand Prop	149	+4	...	...	...
178.50	Elandsrand	184	+4	...	7.4	-
556.10	FS Cons	466	-23	...	11.5	4.7
2.67	FS Dev	12	+2	...	...	...
909.20	GFSA	944	...	...	4.7	13.4
1,981.60	Gencor	144	-7	...	6.9	11.2
200.10	GM Kalgoorli	42	+½	...	3.3	10.3
9.83	Greenwich R 'A'	12½	+2½	...	...	...
6.63	Grootvlei	58	-2	...	20.4	-
46.20	Harmony	172	+4	...	...	...
145.60	Hartebst	130	+5	...	...	4.5
21.70	Imco▲	10½	+½	...	...	...
373.80	Impala Plat	601	-5	...	...	12.2
6.72	Kenmare Res▲	7	+½	...	...	...
82.30	Kinross	457	+12	...	12.3	4.5
648.70	Kloof	483	+3	...	4.1	7.4
6.56	Leslie	41	+1½	...	11.3	3.7
3.41	Loraine	21	...	...	...	...
1,497.60	MIM	107	-7½	...	2.1	48.9
1,517.80	Minorco	886	-25	...	4.3	10.4
716.10	Nth Brkn Hill	112½	+8	...	4.4	...
233.60	Orange Free	1037½	-65½	...	13.5	8.2
6,710.10	RTZ	669	-23	19.5	3.9	20.2
76.40	Rand Mines	512½	...	...	12.6	2.1
14.30	Rand Min Prp	115	+18	...	16.2	5.0
134.50	Randfontein	220	+5	...	8.7	3.0
302.20	Renison	152	-10	...	3.0	14.8
1,268.90	Rustnbrg	1012½	+59½	...	5.0	14.4
32.60	St Helena	339	+9	...	7.8	-
182.00	Southvaal	700	-43½	...	9.2	-
6.40	Stilfontein	49	+1	...	14.9	-
25.50	Unisel	91	-9	...	3.7	8.1
497.00	Vaal Reefs	2600 †	-200	...	9.4	-
96.50	Welkom	273	-1	...	13.2	7.6
16.90	Western Areas	42	-3	...	...	...
291.00	Western Deep	1050	-75	...	6.7	-
2,168.60	Wstrn Mining	226	+12½	...	...	...
52.90	Winkelhaak	431	+11	...	2.6	3.2
100.50	Zambia Copper	82	+14	...	...	...
28.60	Zandpan	22	-1	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.66	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
10.30	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
48.50	Appleyard	103	+3	7.8	10.1	76.0
11.40	Bletchley Mtr	249	+14	8.2	7.3	14.0
21.60	Bostrom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.5
992.60	Br Aerospace	263 †	+5	7.0	3.5	...
10.70	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9.42	Caverdale	7½	-½	...	...	...
14.40	Central Mtr▲	108 †	...	...	4.9	27.5
8.53	Cook (DC)▲	20	...	...	...	...
246.60	Cowie (T)	194	-6	4.8	3.4	14.6
17.30	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
19.40	Davnprt Vern	139	+5	4.0	3.9	-
21.10	ERF	215	+6	4.0	...	...
34.70	European Mtr	106	-6	...	1.9	...
55.70	Evans Halshaw	259	+2	11.2	5.8	24.1
190.20	FR Group	255	+2	6.6	3.5	12.2
15,772.30	Ford Motor	3231½	+12½	...	...	...
18,228.10	General Mtr	2643½	-12½	...	1.9	...
4.07	Gowrings	45	-1	2.0	5.9	...
37.50	Henlys	94	+1	3.0	4.3	...
7,365.50	Honda Motor	757	+11	...	0.7	...
2.27	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
6.53	Jessups	77	-1	4.5	7.8	...
178.50	Kwik-Fit	104	-3	3.3	4.3	10.3
288.30	Lex Service	308	-8	10.0	4.3	...
20.90	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	...
982.20	Lucas	139	-7	7.0	6.7	...
79.90	Pendragon	263	...	6.0	3.0	23.5
23.90	Perry Gp	127	...	9.0	9.4	22.7
22.00	Quicks Group	135	+2	3.0	3.0	24.9
1,302.90	Rolls-Royce	134½	+9½	7.2	7.2	25.4
61.50	Vardy (Reg)	136	-4	4.0	4.0	20.8
152.30	Westland	160	+16	4.3	3.5	14.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18.70	Adscene	126	+5	4.0	4.3	13.2
4.98	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
543.60	Blenheim Gp	589	+9	9.0	2.0	22.1
46.00	Bristol	282	-8	11.5	5.4	20.9
396.30	Daily Mail	7925	+75	13.0	2.2	17.8
395.00	Daily Mail 'A'	7900	+50	13.0	2.2	17.8
177.50	Dorling Kind	288	-6	...	1.4	27.5
584.70	EMAP	337	...	...	3.0	21.9
194.30	Euromoney Pb	965	-13	29.5	4.1	21.7
21.00	Harrington K	220	+15	...	2.7	23.0
32.70	Haynes Pub	320	+3	6.0	2.5	13.6
28.60	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	26.5
13.30	Home Counts	133	+8	8.2	8.3	25.1
5.70	Ind Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
5.17	Int Cm & Data▲	7½	+1	...	...	...
158.00	Independent	420	...	...	4.6	15.1
147.80	Johnston Press	480	+2	3.3	1.5	22.7
26.60	Metal Bulletn	275	+7	7.4	3.6	22.3
416.80	Mirror Gp.	101	-2	...	...	9.9
6,436.80	News Corp	365 †	+11	...	0.3	28.6
1,300.10	News Intl	733	-2	3.9	0.7	13.0
2,080.30	Pearson	381	-12	...	4.1	17.9
76.80	Portsmth Sund	640	-10	8.6	1.8	16.5
3,654.90	Reed Intl	655	+15	16.0	3.3	21.7
19.70	Southnews	130	+4	...	1.5	38.3
41.10	Sterling Pub▲	128	+2	...	2.6	42.0
407.70	Telegraph	349	+6	11.0	4.3	-
4,279.90	Thomson Corp	765 †	...	25.2	4.4	13.0
219.10	Trinity Intl	318	-2	...	3.5	18.7
1.82	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,054.10	Utd Newspaprs	526	-4	21.0	5.3	18.0

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9.40	Aberdeen Pet▲	18½	+4½	...	...	-
67.40	Arun Energy	24	+2	...	...	...
24.00	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	52	-½	...	...	...
9.50	Aviva Pet	51	+2	...	...	...
3.44	Beverley	10	-1	0.6	...	...
77.40	Br Borneo	172	+3	7.1	5.5	19.0
12,846.80	British Gas	298	+10½	...	6.5	12.9
15,000.10	Br Petroleum	285½	+11	...	5.1	34.7
13.50	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,324.80	Burmah Castrl	720	-12	24.0	4.4	16.5
22.40	Cairn Energy	46	-1	...	...	...
401.80	Calor Gp	239	...	12.0	6.7	15.7
166.10	Clyde Pet	52	+4	1.2	...	...
2.17	Edin Oil & Gas▲	13	...	...	...	...
2,275.30	Enterprise	476	+23	15.7	4.4	33.9
85.50	Exp Co Louis	83	...	...	...	...
99.50	Fairmaven Ind	24½	...	...	1.1	9.0
84.90	Goal Pet	63	+2	1.2	2.6	11.9
22.60	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
130.20	Hardy O & G	144	+5	1.0	0.9	45.2
38.90	Kelt Energy	27½	+1½	...	...	...
1,365.00	LASMO	182	+3	8.5	6.2	23.5
6.45	-do- Units	91	...	15.0	22.0	...
34.30	Mid Scot Res▲	10½	...	...	...	...
277.20	Monument	41½	+½	...	...	43.5
10.20	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
13.00	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
88.80	Oil Search	20	...	...	...	...
	Petrol	13½	...	...	...	...
53.10	Pict Pet	103	+1	...	...	14.3
146.90	Premier	28½	+1	...	...	12.6
19.00	Presidio	73	...	...	8.4	...
362.30	Ranger	368	+20	...	1.4	...
31,561.40	Royal Dtch Ft	5887½	+103½	...	5.5	-
10,093.90	Schlumberger	4175 †	+212½	...	2.0	...
28.30	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
19,392.80	Shell	585	+4	21.9	5.1	-
5.91	Sunrise Eng Sv	202	...	...	...	...
2.80	Teredo▲	4	-½	...	...	...
32.30	Triton Europe	39	...	...	...	8.6
3.60	Villiers Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
1,113.30	Woodside	167	+12	...	2.2	...

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
59.30	API	281	+6	7.5	3.6	24.5
1,362.50	Arjo Wiggins	168	-2	8.3	...	13.5
68.10	Abbott Mead	454	+6	8.4	2.5	22.9
2.81	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
22.50	Aegis Gp	13½	-½	5.8	...	1.5
25.90	Aspen Comm▲	200	-4	...	3.3	27.4
0.78	BBB Design▲	9½	...	...	...	...
55.60	Bemrose	331	+15	11.7	4.7	16.9
3.37	Birkdale	19	-2	0.2	1.4	16.1
540.40	Bunzl	132	-3	4.0	4.0	31.8
29.60	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
3.35	City of Lon▲	46	+1	...	9.3	9.6
14.80	Cropper (James)	184	...	3.0	2.2	20.9
3.66	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
5.51	Delyn Pckging	65	+5	1.4	3.0	12.9
26.70	Dolphin Pack	115	-1	4.5	5.3	15.0
4.82	Dudley Jenkins▲	42 †	-1	...	...	10.8
25.80	Elswick	12½	+½	0.2	...	10.5
16.80	Fairway Group▲	55	+8	...	7.9	...
88.40	Ferguson Intl	272	-3	12.5	6.1	15.7
13.50	Ferry Pick	100	...	5.5	7.3	10.0
22.40	Filofax▲	100 †	-5	...	0.5	35.0
5.69	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
6.33	Gibbon Lyons▲	69	-1	...	9.7	13.5
36.20	Gold Greenless	288 †	...	8.3	4.0	22.3
3.89	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.6	...
46.90	Hunterprint	81	...	...	...	...
7.40	Interurope	138	...	7.4	7.4	8.5
64.60	Jarvis Porter	203	+1	4.4	2.9	22.1
7.69	Lopex	34	+10	...	...	14.1
68.20	More O'Ferrall	211	+1	13.2	8.3	13.1
27.10	MMC Group	68	+7	1.2	...	13.4
5.65	Osborne & Little	80	+5	4.3	7.3	10.3
29.40	Quarto	179	...	5.2	5.1	9.4
331.60	St Ives Gp	336	+1	5.2	2.1	22.9
301.80	Saatchi	199	-5	...	...	...
680.20	Sappi	453	-7	...	8.6	8.5
4.21	Sefton▲	17	...	...	...	...
19.40	Shandwick	23½	-2	...	...	...
399.60	Smith David	323	-2	9.5	3.9	14.3
1,396.20	Smurfit (Jeff)	286	+20	...	0.5	9.9
46.60	Sun-Plus	212	+2	7.1	4.5	15.3
41.50	Taylor Nelson	19	-1½	...	1.1	40.0
3.66	VTR▲	50	+7	...	9.1	14.2
147.70	WPP	62	-1	...	...	...
44.90	Wace	68	-5	8.2	16.2	7.5
162.00	Waddington (J)	203	-5	7.9	5.2	15.3
196.60	Watmough	994	+11	10.5	2.4	25.9
6.97	Westport▲	6	...	...	...	21.5
1.14	Whinney Mck▲	16	...	...	...	...
8.43	Wood (SW)	60 †	-6	0.2	0.6	...

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.47	Abaco Group▲	1½ #	...	...	...	...
38.10	Allied Lon	55	-1	3.5	8.6	47.5
5.40	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
33.10	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
41.60	Avonside	97	+2	...	8.0	7.8
7,951.20	BCE▲	2562½	+62½	...	...	...
210.40	Bilton	486	+6	18.0	4.9	17.5
2.15	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
231.40	Bradford	161	-3	4.4	3.7	14.6
6.98	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
550.60	Br Land	235	+5	6.3	3.6	21.7
309.90	Brixton	187	+6	8.1	5.8	14.3
54.60	Burford	47	+1½	0.9	2.7	24.5
21.90	Cap & Regnl▲	121	...	...	1.1	...
3.11	Cardiff Prop	130	...	2.4	2.7	...
42.10	Chesterfield	325	-1	18.5	...	13.9
3.39	City Site Est	22	+2	1.4	...	...
3.30	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
4.58	Clayform	13	...	...	...	...
145.60	Daejan	893	+15	25.0	3.7	13.9
3.26	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
23.60	Debenham Twsn	74	+4	2.5	4.5	26.9
4.25	De Morgan	9	-1	...	...	...
15.10	Dencora	89	...	5.5	8.2	...
25.10	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
12.60	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
3.21	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
88.20	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
7.07	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
3.27	Fletcher King	39	+6	1.8	3.4	29.2
130.10	Frogmore	345	...	15.0	5.8	18.0
20.90	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
336.00	Gr Portland	146	+7	10.0	9.1	14.5
9.21	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
3,439.00	HK Land	128	+7	...	4.0	21.5
134.70	Hambro Cntyw	41	...	0.0	0.2	...
122.00	Hammerson	336	+31	10.0	4.0	10.5
420.50	-do- 'A'	322	+28	10.0	4.1	15.4
26.70	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
11.40	Hemingway	21	-1½	...	...	...
13.90	Herring Baker	87	+1	7.0	10.7	...
2.66	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
2,434.10	Land Sec	482	-9	21.7	6.0	14.6
195.40	Lon Merch Sec	81	+1	3.8	6.3	12.9
1.42	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
1,203.00	MEPC	372	+2	20.0	7.2	15.6
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
29.30	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	71.1
3.80	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
3.46	Merivale Mre	25	+1½	1.0	5.3	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
3.63	Moorfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
40.40	Mountview	825	+25	18.0	2.9	8.4
4.32	Mowat▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...
129.80	Mucklow (A&J)	133	-6	5.9	5.9	17.4
7.00	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
2.27	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
9.32	Ossory Est	10½	+2½	0.1	2.0	3.0
9.30	Power Corp	6	...	...	...	0.9
131.10	Prop Security	108 †	+4	3.7	4.6	21.5
6.83	Property Trust	36	-2	...	...	...
3.49	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
17.60	Regalian	15	+½	1.5	13.3	3.0
9.38	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
15.60	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
28.00	St Modwen Prp	24	...	0.6	3.4	-
16.70	Savills	45	...	...	...	...
47.80	Scot Met	49	+5	1.5	4.1	...
16.50	Shaftesbury	68	+3	...	...	...
0.96	Shield	10	-2	...	...	...
3.62	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	0.5	1.9	...
527.50	Slough Estates	186	+1	8.1	5.9	10.5
53.40	Southend Prop	58	-1	4.1	9.6	29.3
3.49	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
32.40	Stanhope Prps▲	19½	...	...	...	...
90.20	Town Centre	89	...	3.1	4.6	17.4
40.60	Trafford Park	60	+1	2.5	5.7	16.2
0.80	UK Land	17	-10	...	...	...
7.74	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
93.30	Warner	192	-2	10.5	7.6	16.9
67.20	Warnford	175	-5	7.2	5.6	12.0
1.42	Waterglade	6½	-½	...	...	...
52.80	Wates	44	-2½	3.7	11.3	11.1
3.28	Wood John D▲	40	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.74	Automagic▲	13	...	...	...	...
23.00	Headlam	98	-3	2.4	3.3	38.8
29.60	Lambert	495	+40	12.5	3.4	12.9
20.20	Pittard Garnar	93	-2	1.5	2.2	12.3
37.50	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.1	6.1
24.10	Stylo	128	+1	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
135.20	Allied Text	476 †	+7	12.6	3.5	-
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	-2	4.7	10.4	12.1
2.16	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
21.10	Br Mohair	159	-4	8.5	7.1	12.6
29.20	Celestion	118	...	1.2	1.4	...
1.25	Charnwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
131.00	Claremont Ga	325	+1	...	1.6	22.3
593.90	Courtauld Tex	588	+8	13.0	2.9	17.3
343.70	Dawson	222	-3	9.0	5.4	21.7
4.06	Drummond	35	+1	1.5	...	7.7
10.60	Dunkeld	35	+3	...	...	-
5.72	Foupel▲	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
3.66	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
4.13	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
28.00	Hicking Pntcst	171	-1	3.4	2.7	14.5
3.39	Jerome (S)	45	-1	1.0	...	...
86.40	Lamont	288	+2	...	5.6	14.1
72.20	Leeds	401 ‡	...	...	2.4	19.4
6.75	Lister	41	+4	0.1	0.3	...
7.77	Lyles (S)	107	...	4.9	6.1	12.1
5.62	Parkland 'A'	81	+1	2.0	3.3	...
180.80	Readicut	94	+½	3.4	4.9	18.7
1.81	SEET	45	-1	...	...	...
40.70	Sirdar	91	+1	5.1	7.5	15.8
45.80	Stirling Gp	53	...	1.6	4.2	22.0
34.40	Stoddard	49	+1	2.6	7.1	13.1
19.20	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
8.92	West Trust	9½	+1½	...	6.1	...
16.60	Yorklyde	339	+1	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,049.40	BAT	948	-15	33.6	4.7	25.0
3,696.60	Rothmans 'B'	611	-8	10.2	2.2	14.0

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
706.90	Assoc Br Ports	378	+2	8.0	2.8	...
3,931.90	BAA	774	-16	14.5	2.5	13.7
2,159.20	Br Airways	291	+3	10.1	4.7	7.8
17.80	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	3.5
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,351.00	Eurotunnel Uts	506	+26	...	...	...
12.60	Fisher (James)	51	+7	5.5	...	14.3
10.60	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
23.70	IoM Steam	158	...	...	6.3	7.6
0.91	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	1.9	8.4	17.9
6.20	Lon O'Seas Frtr	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
64.00	Manchstr Sh	1600 †	+212½	4.5	0.4	8.7
300.10	Mersey Docks	333	+8	7.5	3.0	-
71.70	Natl Express	199	-5	...	4.8	13.1
1,487.60	NFC	269	-2	6.5	3.2	20.4
412.20	Ocean Group	398	+3	14.3	7.1	12.1
20.20	Ocean Wilson	51	-2	...	7.0	11.4
3,079.90	P & O Dfd	549	-9	30.5	7.4	19.4
89.60	P & O 5 1/2%	135	-1	...	5.5	...
349.80	Powell Duffryn	522	...	22.6	5.8	20.9
12.10	Seacon▲	124 †	-4	...	3.5	-
46.40	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
200.70	TNT	35½	-1	...	...	...
316.70	Tibbett & Britn	728	+3	...	2.0	29.1
383.20	Tiphook	349	+7	17.3	6.6	6.9
431.90	TDG	295	+1	9.5	4.3	17.7

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,504.50	Anglian Water	510	...	19.3	5.0	9.3
390.60	Northumbrian	583	-3	20.5	4.7	6.0
1,738.60	North West	487	-5	19.6	5.4	8.6
1,732.40	Severn Trent	488	-3	19.3	5.3	7.1
820.50	Sthrn Water	500	-5	19.5	5.2	8.8
69.40	Sth Staffs	1285	+15	40.2	4.2	8.3
648.20	South West	519	...	21.7	5.6	7.8
2,012.40	Thames Water	516	-4	19.2	5.0	9.8
809.50	Welsh Water	581	+3	21.4	5.1	6.5
735.40	Wessex Water	395	-11	...	4.4	8.0
1,087.60	Yorkshire W	549	-1	19.5	4.7	8.0

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; - Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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NFC boosts turnover in the first quarter

BY DEREK HARRIS

NFC, the transport and logistics group, brought in pre-tax profits up 10 per cent on turnover raised 14 per cent in continuing operations in its first quarter to end-January.

The company, chaired by James Watson, nevertheless delivered a prudent "best view" of future prospects at its annual meeting in Nottingham yesterday . More than 1,000 shareholders, many of them NFC workers, attended.

The board of NFC, the former National Freight Consortium, said: "There is considerable economic uncertainty and, consequently, the directors do not expect NFC to gain any significant benefit from any upturn in the economies in which it operates in this financial year."

NFC has about a third of its operations abroad. America and continental Europe are the main non-UK areas of operation, although it has a presence in Australasia. However, as long as weakness continues to affect the pound, NFC will gain from the translation of its non-UK earnings into sterling.

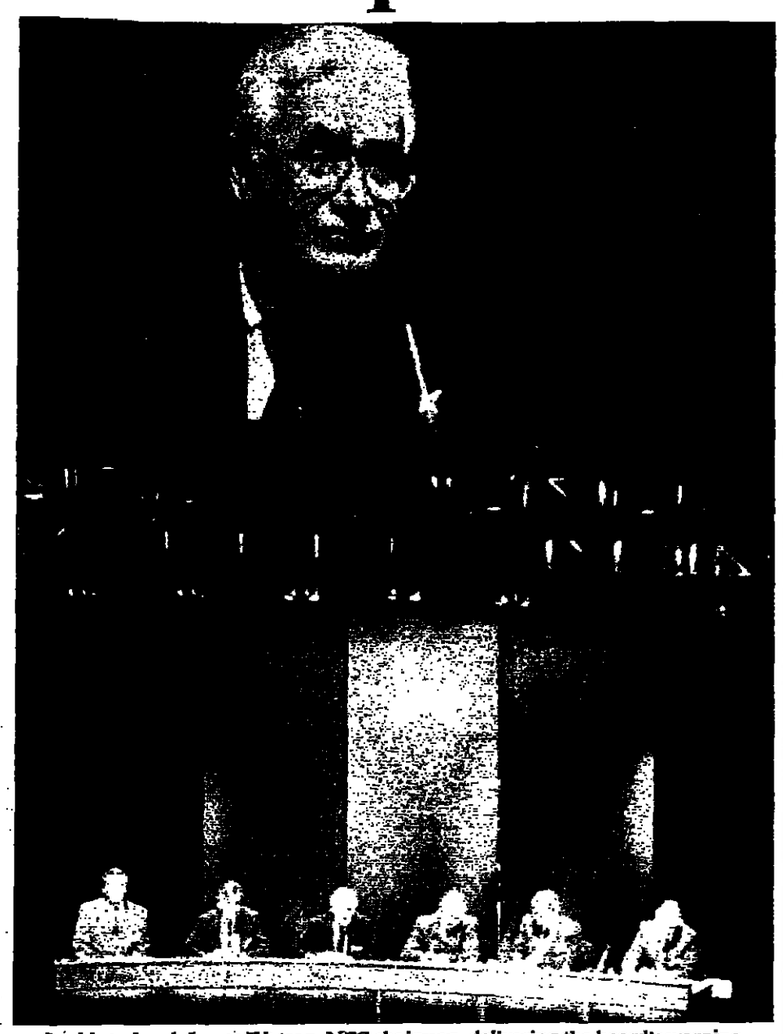
Operating profit in the quarter was up 29 per cent to £27.7 million. The increase over the previous comparable period came from translation of non-UK profits to sterling and £2 million less spending on redundancies.

The financial comparisons in the best view were made after switching to the incoming FRS3 accounting conventions. This puts the past year's pre-tax profit at £85.4 million, with the prospect of reaching between £95 million and £100 million in the current year .

Turnover is expected to rise from last year's £1.7 billion to between £1.8 billion and £1.95 billion. Earnings per share are expected to increase to between 13p and 13.7p per share against 11.7p.

Peter Sherlock, who joined NFC from Bass, the brewer, takes over today as NFC's chief executive from Jack Mather. What does not appear in the accounts so far is the recent sale of NFC's waste management subsidiary, but Mr Sherlock expects the result on gearing — now about 55 per cent — to be relatively neutral as NFC looks for more acquisitions abroad and making continued investment for organic growth. Mr Mather underlined how the economic background in its major markets continued to be depressed although he looked to some improvement in America as long as the Clinton taxation increases for individuals did not hit hard.

NFC's transport division was being hit by the recession, with turnover down 6 per cent in the quarter on an annual comparison. However, trunk rental volumes have started to increase and new business signings are up on a year ago, Mr Mather reported. Losses at Lynx , the express parcels division, increased during the quarter. First-quarter turnover at Exel Logistics was up a quarter and operating profit up 48 per cent to £17.5 million. The home services division saw turnover up 20 per cent in the first quarter although operating profit was up only 7 per cent.



Looking ahead: James Watson, NFC chairman, delivering the board's warning

Airtours likely to raise bid for Owners

Airtours is expected to step up its fight for Owners Abroad, its rival tour operator, this week by boosting the value of its £225 million hostile bid. The move would be seen as an attempt to head off action by Thomas Cook, the German-owned travel group that has a joint venture with Owners.

The stock market is looking for Airtours to raise its paper offer from 115p to between 130p-135p, valuing its rival at more than £250 million. The cash element is likely to remain unchanged.

Airtours has until Friday to increase its offer, but it is likely to make an announcement early this week. Shares in Owners closed at 131p on Friday.

Review by Trafalgar

Trafalgar House, the shipping to property group, will review the position of Touche Ross, its auditor, this summer. Small shareholders voted against its reappointment in January, after the Financial Reporting Review Panel obliged Trafalgar to restate its 1991 accounts, turning a profit of £122 million into a £30 million loss.

The board fell back on proxy votes from institutional shareholders to see Touche Ross confirmed for another year. Shareholders have a further opportunity to voice their anger when they vote today on a proposed £204 million rights issue at 60p. This would enable Hongkong Land to raise its stake from 20.1 per cent to as much as 27.2 per cent.

Hambros move

Hambros, the merchant bank, will announce this month the separate flotation of its £80 million specialist insurance services group. Shares in the group will be placed to raise £30 million of fresh funds, but leave Hambros in control.

Exchange open

The New York Mercantile Exchange, housed in the World Trade Centre complex where a blast killed five people and injured 1,042 on Friday, has been given permission to reopen for trading today at its usual time, Z. Lou Guttman, the chairman, said.

Union ballot

Members of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union are overwhelmingly backing affiliation to the TUC, according to a survey of 3,000 engineers. Ballot papers are being sent out today.

DAF action

Managers at Leyland DAF's van plant in Birmingham confirmed they were relaunching a bid to buy the business.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Abbey National feels chill of bad debt provisions

SIR Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, and Peter Birch, chief executive, are expected to see a decline in full-year profits at the building society turned bank, as a surge in bad debts more than offsets a healthy improvement in operating profits.

Final pre-tax profits, due tomorrow, are expected to slide to £570 million (£618 million), according to John Wriglesworth at UBS Phillips & Drew. This excludes the £93 million exceptional/extraordinary revenue received last December, as a result of selling 29 million shares unclaimed since Abbey's flotation in 1989.

Market profit forecasts range from £540 million to £590 million. P&D anticipates a fall in earnings to 27p (31.6p) a share, although an increased dividend of 11.4p (10.5p) is predicted.

Mr Wriglesworth expects bad debts to more than double to about £320 million, including more than £50 million due to European lending. Both foreign and domestic bad debts are expected to remain high this year.



Tugendhat: slide likely

TODAY

Interims: None announced.
Finals: ASW Holdings, French Property Trust, Lilleshall, TR High Income Trust. **Economic statistics:** London sterling certificates of deposit (January), monetary statistics — including bank and building society balance sheets, bank and building society sterling lending and M4 sectoral analysis (January), bill turnover statistics (January), sterling commercial paper (January), money market statistics (January).

TOMORROW

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals and scientific equipment group headed by Cedric Scroggs, chief executive, will announce a sharp fall in full-year profits. The decline is largely due to lost revenues in the wake of the US withdrawal of Opticrom and Imferon, two significant products, and a downturn in the scientific equipment division as the recession continued to bite.

Andrew Porter, of Nikko, the Japanese securities house, has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £100 million, against £190.5 million. This is at the bottom end of market forecasts, which range from £100 million to £120 million. An unchanged full-year dividend of 8.7p a share is anticipated.

Fisons has so far raised more than £180 million from the sale of various consumer health divisions and the group has also received US approval for Tilade, the anti-asthma drug, although it will not be launched in America until later this year.

General Accident, the composite insurance group, will probably remain in the red, but there should be a substantial reduction in full-year losses to between £20 million and £45 million, compared with a taxable deficit of £172 million last time.

Interims: Hays, Norex, Paramount, Pilco Holdings, Raine, William Sinclair. **Finals:** Abbey National, Allied Irish Banks, J. Billam, Fisons, General Accident, Grafton Group, Harrington Kilbride, Instem, Kalon Group, Pacer Systems, Serco Group, Vivat Holdings. **Economic statistics:** UK official reserves (February).

WEDNESDAY

The team at Credit Lyonnais Laing expects **BICC Group**, the cables and construction group, to report a slight dip in final pre-tax profits to about £80 million compared with £81 million. Market forecasts range from £70 million to £85 million.

The dividend, although uncovered, should be maintained at 19.3p, especially after last year's rights issue and improving trends. The main unknowns could be in the form of exceptional write-offs relating to slumping property values and cost overruns on the Channel tunnel.

Final pre-tax losses at **Guardian Royal Exchange** should be reduced substantially to about £40 million, against a deficit of £210 million, according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from losses of £15 million to £54 million. A maintained dividend of 7p is anticipated.



Scroggs: lost revenues

Interims: Fleming Emerging Markets, SR Gent, Link Printing Technologies. **Finals:** BWD Securities, BICC Group, Bilston & Battersea, Brent Chemicals International, Courtaulds Textiles, T Cowie, CRH, Grosvenor Development Capital, Guardian Royal Exchange, Metal Bulletin, Midland Bank, Radius, Stat-Plus Group, TR High Income Trust, Trans World Communications. **Economic statistics:** Overseas travel and tourism (December), advance energy statistics (January).

THURSDAY

Michael Lever, banking analyst at Smith New Court, expects **Barclays** to break even at the full-year stage, compared with pre-tax profits of £533 million last time, although a maintained dividend of 21.2p is anticipated. Market forecasts range from losses of £100 million to profits of £100 million. There is concern about the level of bad debts, especially after the higher than expected provisions recently reported by National Westminster.

Mr Lever expects Barclays' operating profits to advance by about 13 per cent to about £2.3 billion, although this will probably be offset by bad debts of an equal size.

Ladbroke Group, the Hilton hotels, leisure and retail group chaired by Cyril Stein, is expected to report a 12 per cent decline in final pre-tax profits to about £147 million, according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £145 million to £160 million.

However, there could be hefty property write-downs. NatWest forecasts a marginal increase in the dividend to 11.15p (10.93p), although some expect a maintained payout.

Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate chaired by Nigel Rudd, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £161 million, including the £6 million exceptionals announced at the interim stage compared with £168.3 million, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Market forecasts range from £150 million to £164 million.

Interims: Brierley Investments, Consolidated Plantations, Galliford, Intereurope Technology Services, Renishaw. **Finals:** Anglo American Industrial Corporation, Barclays Bank, Boddington Group, Braime (TF & JH) Holdings, Ferry Pickering, Govett & Co, Hambro Countrywide, Ladbroke Group, Lloyds Smaller Companies Investment Trust, MTL Instruments, Pentos, Philips Electronics, Sema Group, Sumit, Wessanen (Koninklijke), Williams Holdings, Unidare.

FRIDAY

Interims: British Data Management. **Finals:** Latin American Investment Trust, Murray European Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Housing starts and completions (January).

PHILIP PANGALOS

Decision near over Minorco deal

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN Mining must decide by Thursday whether Minorco, the mining group, can proceed with its $456 million cash offer to buy BP's 49 per cent stake in the Australian Olympic Dam mine, rich in copper, gold and uranium, where Western Mining owns 51 per cent.

The Australian mining group has pre-emptive rights over the minority shareholding. The 90-day period during which it must decide whether or not to exercise its rights expires on Thursday.

Western Mining once before blocked a change of ownership at Olympic Dam. In 1989, RTZ made a $4.32 billion takeover offer for BP Minerals. But later, following various objections by Western Mining, RTZ's bid price was adjusted to exclude the Olympic Dam asset.

Western Mining has several cash commitments, and is thought to be financially hard pressed. The group is due to brief analysts in Australia and London on Wednesday.

Because of uranium, and because Olympic Dam is Australian, the Australian authorities could be sensitive about a change in foreign ownership. However, analysts think that Minorco will emerge with at least some stake in Olympic Dam

A capital intensive expansion is planned at Olympic Dam to increase copper production from 62,000 tonnes to 150,000 tonnes, and uranium oxide output from 1,369 tonnes to 4,000 tonnes.

Last month, Minorco became a 10 per cent direct shareholder in Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, after Charter Consolidated's transaction to sell its historic 38.3 per cent stake in JM. Charter shareholders, excluding Minorco, meet today to approve the deal, which will raise £342 million.

Fund to clean up 'Chernobyls'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THEO Waigel, the German finance minister, will today instruct the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to set up a special fund to make urgently needed nuclear safety improvements at power plants across the former Soviet block.

The Group of Seven leaders gave Herr Waigel the task of putting together the fund at the Munich economic summit last summer, in a long-delayed response to international concern about nuclear safety triggered by the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

The total cost of bringing the former Soviet block's 57 nuclear reactors up to internationally accepted safety standards is put at about $9 billion. Immediate safety work worth $320 million is required for the most decrepit reactors of the RBBK, the Chernobyl type, and the WWER pressurised water model. Essential upgrading work at 25 reactors is estimated to cost about $150 million per reactor.

Germany, whose proximity to the risky reactors has prompted it to take a lead on the nuclear safety issue, had sought broad international backing for a $9 billion fund last year. At the Munich summit, it became clear that the G7 leaders were not even prepared to commit themselves to a watered down fund of $700 million.

Herr Waigel, as chairman of the EBRD board of governors, has been seeking letters of intent from the 24 governments and international institutions that will support the safety fund. He had set today as the deadline for formal pledges. Bonn finance ministry officials said that by the weekend letters of intent from America and the European Commission were still missing. But Herr Waigel would, nevertheless, tell the EBRD to go ahead with the creation of the fund this week.

A senior adviser to President Yeltsin, the Russian president, described Soviet built nuclear reactors as "bombs which temporarily produce electricity". The Russians have spent about $1.6 billion on trying to make Chernobyl safe.

Revenue challenges Fry BES

BY JON ASHWORTH

JOHNSON Fry, Britain's biggest promotor of Business Expansion Schemes, is in dispute with the Inland Revenue over a £20 million scheme, backed by 1,500 investors, for student accommodation for University College London. The Revenue is arguing that the investment is not eligible for tax relief. The dispute is embarrassing for Johnson Fry because the company has raised £100 million in the past two weeks for investment in properties repossessed by the Bradford & Bingley and National & Provincial building societies and intends to raise more.

Barclays Bank launches a £25 million BES scheme on Wednesday to invest in repossessed properties. Similar issues are expected from National Westminster Bank and several building societies including the Halifax, Britannia and Leeds.

Charles Fry, chairman of Johnson Fry, said he expected a decision from the Revenue this week. He said: "We're still talking. It is delicately placed, but the Revenue has not closed the door. We're taking it extremely seriously and have the top people in the country working on our behalf."

Investors had been promised qualifying certificates by the end of January.

Mr Fry said problems had arisen because of a six-month gap between exchanging and completing contracts last year during which the university continued to let the accommodation. This, the Revenue claims, disqualifies the scheme. Johnson Fry said it had no control over the properties during the period.

WORD-WATCHING

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SPONDYLOTHESIS

(b) Spondylothesis is the condition caused when one vertebra slips on another. The congenital variety, which is caused by a defective *pars interarticularis*, commonly occurs at lumbar vertebrae 4/5 and gives rise to back pain and sciatica. It usually presents in the chronic phase, not as an acute event, and is clinically indistinguishable from chronic spondylosis. It is still a pain in the bum.

MESSAGES

(a) Scots for the shopping, nowadays domestic purchases, especially groceries. Originally, the list carried to the shops by errand boys or caddies. *cadets*. Through Old French from the Latin *mittere, missum* to send. Thackeray, *Pendennis*: "She bethought her how he had gone on messages for her."

PEND

(a) The arched or vaulted passageway, such as that leading into the quadrangle of Heriot's School, from the OF *pendre*, Latin *pendere* to hang. Stevenson, *Catriona*: "We took shelter under a pend at the head of a close or alley."

ROUPING-WIFE

(b) A woman who buys and sells second-hand furniture, particularly at auctions, northern, of Scandinavian origin, cf. Norwegian *rope op* to sell by auction, Icelandic *raupa* to boast or brag. Scott, *Heart of Midlothian*: "His neighbour the roupinge-wife, or saleswoman."

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4205 (-0.0350)
German mark
2.3346 (-0.0433)
Exchange index
76.0 (-1.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2208.4 (+7.6)
FT-SE 100
2868.0 (+28.0)
New York Dow Jones
3370.81 (+48.63)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16953.35 (-56.68)

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LEGAL NOTICES

BLOCKCLAD LIMITED (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 6 January 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony Brierley of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.
The Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT by 26 April 1993.
The Liquidators also give notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 31 May 1993 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have admitted claims by 26 April 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 22nd February 1993
M. FISHMAN, Joint Liquidator.

COURAGELINK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FT on 9th March 1993 at 12 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FT, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 25rd February 1993
J.M. Hunt, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
R J FISH (CARPETS) LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 25rd March 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gosset Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5EA, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Steve George Taylor MIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 15th day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R.J. FISH, DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF BEDFORD PLASTIC FORMING LIMITED AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 22 February 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5LX, was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 22nd day of February 1993
M J Carter

LEGAL NOTICES

G P I INTERNATIONAL LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on 3 March 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH, not later than 12 noon on 2 March 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required, unless he surrenders his security, to lodge at 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
A member can vote on that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 401 St John Street, London, EC1V 4LH, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above
By Order of the Board
D.K. Wiltshire, Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 00813 of 1993
IN THE MATTER OF PEOPLES BANK LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17 February 1993 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above named Company from £20,000,000 to £11,000,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company together with the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered with the Registrar of Companies on 24 February 1993
Dated this 25th day of February 1993
DIBB LUPTON BROOMHEAD
117 THE HEADROW
LEEDS LS1 5JX
Solicitors
for the above-named company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
EBONY BUILD LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 March 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 19th day of February 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. STORFER, DIRECTOR

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FIRST UNIT CATERERS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor, London, W2 6LF, on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 23rd day of February 1993
R DEMETRIOU, Director

No 000561 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice dated 10 February 1993 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company by £25,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 15 February 1993.
Messrs Edge & Ellison
Rutland House 148 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2JR
Ref. 225/112/WAG1-134
Tel. 021 200 2001
Solicitors for the Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
APSACK - THE PLASTIC BAG PEOPLE LTD.
Trading Name: APSACKS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 4 March 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 22 day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
S. PARKER, DIRECTOR.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LONDON & PROVINCIAL SHOP CENTRES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
Registered number: 660579
Nature of business: Property investment and development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Clibank NA. Joint Administrative Receivers, CTE Hayward and RH Oldfield (office holder nos: 2232 and 2515). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

LEGAL NOTICES

D Henry Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 239794
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M on Monday 8 March 1993 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stag Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on Friday 5 March 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
P R Coop
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
COMMERCIAL AND CENTRE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 746637.
Nature of business: Property investment and development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Clibank NA. Joint Administrative Receivers, CTE Hayward and RH Oldfield (office holder nos: 2232 and 2515). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
RANDSWORTH TRUST LIMITED
Registered number: 48166.
Nature of business: Property investment and development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Clibank NA. Joint Administrative Receivers: CTE Hayward and RH Oldfield (office holder nos: 2232 and 2515). Address: 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP

Swans Design Associates Limited
Registered Number: 1729080.
Trading Name: Swans Design Associates Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacturer of Leather Garments. Trade Classification: 08. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 10 February 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Name and address of appointees: Jamie Taylor and Peter Gorham both of Taylor Gotham Warren House 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY (Office holder nos: 2748 and 111) Joint Administrative Receivers.

LEGAL NOTICES

NO 001163 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF RATCLIFFE INDUSTRIES LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on 9th February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company at the 8th February 1993.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 17th day of March 1993
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account shall appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
Dated this 25th day of February 1993.
Messrs. Sebastian Coleman & Co
Solicitors of St. Bartholomew House, 92 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DH, agents for Messrs Wragge & Co.
Solicitors of 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2AS solicitor for the above-named company

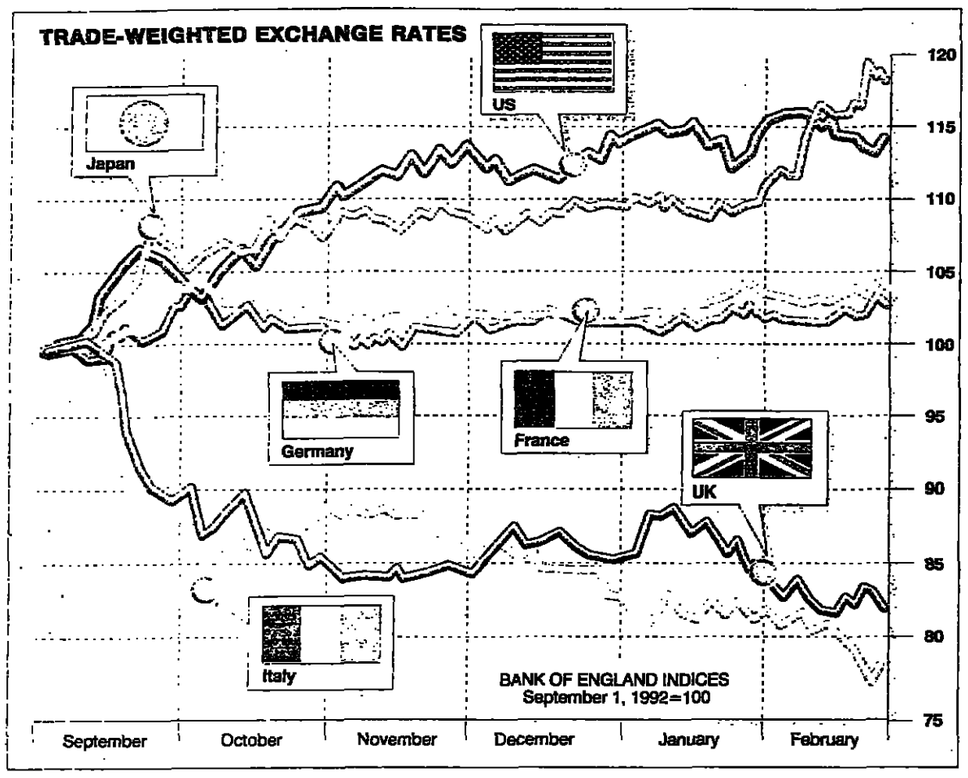
COMPANY NOTICES

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY
Notice to Security Holders
The Annual General Meeting of the Security Holders of Quebec Central Railway Company will be held in the Conference Room, Room 188, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec, Canada on Wednesday, the 21st day of April 1993, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon for presentation of the financial statements; the election of two directors to represent the Security Holders of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company; the appointment of the auditor of the Company; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.J. Kozer, Secretary
MONTREAL, Quebec,
February 26, 1993.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Washington calls tune for rest of the world to follow

Anatole Kaletsky explains why a global policy to promote growth and employment is on the agenda for the G7 until further notice



When America whistles, the rest of the world comes running. That is the main lesson of Saturday's G7 meeting, a lesson that was apparent even before the finance ministers arrived in London. The conventional wisdom in Europe is that global efforts to co-ordinate are at best unnecessary and at worst can lead to disaster. But political reality always moves before conventional wisdom. The American president has spoken. The time has arrived for a global policy to promote growth and employment. Europe and Japan must worry less about inflation and more about output and trade. Until further notice from Washington, this will be the agenda for the G7 and the world at large.

First, the history of the G7 is a history of American leadership, as surely as was the history of the Bretton Woods system and the International Monetary Fund that co-ordinated economic management before the G7. Since their creation, neither the IMF nor the G7 have ever undertaken a big initiative, except at America's behest. This has obviously been true of currency co-ordination. Europe and Japan were clamouring for action to hold down the dollar from 1982 onwards, but nothing was done until James Baker became American Treasury secretary and decided that the high dollar was hurting American industry in 1985. Similarly, the Louvre accord to hold up the dollar from 1987 onwards was a reaction to Mr Baker's concern that a free-fall in the American currency would frighten the Federal Reserve Board into tightening monetary policy and threaten the Republicans' re-election chances in 1988. But the American hegemony in the G7 has not been confined to currency matters.

For example, in the late 1980s, when Japan repeatedly proposed to the G7 that Third World debts should in part be written off, Kiichi Miyazawa, the then finance minister, was slapped down. A year later, the same idea was suddenly adopted by James Brady, endorsed by the G7 and trumpeted worldwide as the Brady Plan to rescue the banks and the Third World. A similar fate befell the proposals for large-scale aid to the Soviet Union, all ridiculed by the G7 as impractical until Mr Baker gave a speech recalling the Marshall Plan. Within months, the G7 had found $25 billion.

The second reason Europe and Japan are bound to heed America's calls for global co-ordination is less familiar, but even more persuasive than simple extrapolation from the past. The fact is that the balance of power in the world economy has shifted even further in America's favour. This argument has nothing to do with America's military might, the political disunity in Europe or the security threats posed by the breakup of the Soviet Union. The fundamental reason for America's increasing hegemony is economic, and at first sight bizarre: America has a chronic balance of payments deficit and a currency with a clear long-run tendency to fall, rather than rise.

To conventional thinkers in Europe, who have spent the past two decades deriding America's economic fall, this statement will seem ridiculous. In Europe, a strong currency has long been a national virility symbol. In the financial diplomacy of the ERM and the Bretton Woods and gold-standard system before it, there has always been an assumption, resented by deficit countries such as Britain and Italy, that the countries with strong currencies, above all Germany, would always call the shots. On closer inspection, this assumption, like many of the old verities of the fixed-exchange rate and gold-standard eras, is now simply wrong.

Whenever two countries have a chronic trade imbalance, there has to be an adjustment in their relative costs and/or their relative levels of domestic demand. Traditionally, it has been assumed that the country with the strong currency and trade surplus has the power to impose the adjustment on its weak-currency neighbour. This is only true if the country in deficit is trying to keep up its exchange rate. It then has to reduce its domestic consumption, investment and wages relative to the rest of the world, to prevent its international debt mushrooming out of control. If a deficit country such as America or Britain chooses to practice "benign neglect" of its currency, the pressures of economic adjustment can work in the opposite way. Industries in the surplus countries, like Germany and Japan, will find themselves being undercut in international and even domestic markets. They will experience falling demand, high unemployment and collapsing industrial investment.

If a country such as Japan or Germany responds to currency appreciation by trying to lower domestic costs, attempting to match the low prices being offered by devaluing rivals such as America, Italy or Britain, it will deflate its economy further. This will increase its balance of payments surplus and trigger a further wave of currency appreciation. This may sound far-fetched, but it is only necessary to look at Japan or ask German or French industrialists about their future fears, to see it in action.

A country that allows its exchange rate to rise is importing unemployment and risking deindustrialisation. One that allows its currency to fall is importing jobs, but also risking inflation. One reason why the balance of power has shifted to weak-currency countries is that the world is staring at the possibility of a depression. Unemployment is almost universally acknowledged as a greater threat than rising prices.

There is another reason for this power shift that goes much deeper than the present depressed conjuncture of the global economy, and will prove more enduring. The economic experience of the 20 years since the Bretton Woods fixed exchange-rate system was abandoned has shown that there are problems, as well as benefits, from floating exchange rates. The biggest of these problems has been that exchange rates tend to "overshoot": currencies that needed to depreciate have usually fallen too far before bouncing back; those that needed to strengthen have become badly overvalued before falling back after several years to more reasonable levels. As the opponents of floating rates predicted, these periods of overshooting have led to big economic dislocations and costs. What economists failed to foresee — and what most outside America still do not understand — is the way these costs have been spread.

The worst economic damage has been done not by currencies that fell below their equilibrium levels, but by currencies that overshot on the way up. Ask any economist to list the most damaging cases of currency overshooting and two will invariably be named: Britain in the North Sea oil boom and America in the first phase of Reaganomics. In the next year or two, another instance is likely to be added — Germany after reunification. These instances of overshooting have been disastrous because industrial capacity eliminated by an overvalued currency takes decades to restore. By contrast, the inflationary effects of a currency that becomes undervalued can be negated by monetary and fiscal policies, and rarely last more than a year or two.

Politicians brought up under Bretton Woods and the ERM may never accept that countries with weak currencies now have the whip hand in global economic relations. In Washington, a new generation is in power. If only the same could be said of London.

TEMPUS

No accounting for taste

THE new reporting standard for profit and loss accounts, FRS3, is already making its presence felt in the City — four months before it becomes compulsory. As the reporting season gets into its stride so has debate on how best to value and compare companies under the new accounting rules.

Early adoption of FRS3 principles by many large corporations has brought a tidal wave of exceptionals above the line that has produced reported profits averaging almost 20 per cent below analysts' expectations, and created a gap between reported and supposedly "underlying" earnings. This has sent traditional price/earnings arithmetic into a spin.

The fundamental problem facing the investment community is finding a definition of earnings for valuing and comparing performance, given that the FRS3 headline numbers are so volatile. Currently, there is considerable confusion, with a plethora of earnings definitions being bandied about, but no consensus.

Companies too are seizing the moment to put across their own views on the most appropriate guide to performance. Many have exploited the current uncertainty to promote the virtues of "operating profit", which conveniently sidesteps the issue of exceptionals altogether. That would fly in the face of David Tweedie's reforms, which are aimed at exposing the old comfortable but artificial and manipulable simplicities.

Among analysts "normalised" and "maintainable" earnings are emerging as the base for favoured ratios reflecting a company's potential growth and risk. "Normalised" earnings exclude exceptionals while "maintainable" earnings exclude both exceptionals and profit from discontinued operations.

The Institute of Investment Management and Research will this week propose ground rules intended to clarify and unify. Unless they act, investors' nerves could be severely rattled.

On a traditional p/e calculation, the market already looks expensive on a rating of 17 times. That figure will probably climb to new and dizzying heights as the results season continues and more exceptionals are reported. The US stock market, which has similar rules to FRS3, has tolerated a high rating, preferring to look at underlying earnings. But until the City agrees on what constitutes "underlying earnings", uncertainty and confusion will abound.

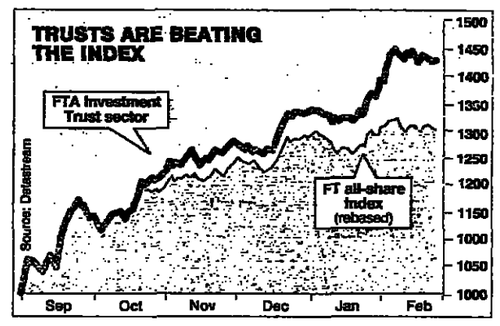
Investment trusts

LOWER interest rates have given investment trusts the opportunity to shine as disgruntled institutions and building society savers look elsewhere for respectable returns. The sector has outperformed the FT-All Share index by 4 per cent since the end of last year.

The initial spurt was a delayed reaction to the events of Black Wednesday. But the sector's progress since January reflects growing confidence that last year's currency adjustments and lower interest rates are not a passing phenomenon, and a desire by investors to capitalise on that.

However, if history is anything to go by, the outperformance is unlikely to widen much further. A cursory glance at the sector's record relative to the index over the past ten years shows that it has never diverged more than 10 per cent either way from the market trend.

To ensure superior returns investors should therefore cherry-pick. As there is no single striking recovery story to go for, the most attractive trusts are those with the flexibility to invest in a wide range of UK and overseas stocks to take advantage of any growth opportunities that arise. Trusts constrained by geography or a particular strategy may find it hard to keep pace with the market. Particular caution should be applied to trusts committed to an above-average yield. Poor prospects for dividend growth will hinder their ability to deliver capital growth.



Water mergers

SEVERN Trent may buy East Worcester Water, says Ofwat, the industry regulator, because customers will benefit from lower bills and greater security of supply. On that rationale, there could be many more water mergers.

Some of the privatised water and sewage groups, such as South West, or even Anglian, which have higher prices than average, could, in theory, be takeover targets for bigger rivals if the bidder guaranteed lower bills. More logical candidates are water-only companies with high costs within the Thames Water and Southern Water areas, although most are controlled by three big French groups.

Consolidation could benefit customers in other ways. Duplications in computer systems, laboratory and head office functions mean there are substantial cost efficiencies to be gained by mergers, which could be passed on to customers in cheaper rates as well as to shareholders.

The East Worcester merger raises the question of how many water companies are really needed in England and Wales. The answer surely cannot be all the ten leading groups and the remaining 22 smaller companies. Nor can Ofwat need that many to monitor. Its record of passing every merger that has come up suggests it knows this too.

EC steel

THE agreement in principle to reduce the European Community's over-capacity by 30 million tonnes of crude steel and up to 26 million tonnes of hot rolled products by 1995 was never going to harm market perceptions about British Steel. While its continental rivals rowed over which should cut first, BS saw its shares rise 3.5p to 80.5p on Friday. Having done virtually all the slimming possible in the eighties, and recently shut Ravenscraig, BS sees no reason to share the European burden on capacity cuts. Nor would the government care to contribute funds to pan-European restructuring.

The devaluation of sterling has confirmed BS as Europe's most competitive steel producer. The trouble is that demand is likely to stay weak, so the industry's attempt to lift prices 15-20 per cent this spring is unlikely to succeed. After a pre-tax loss of £51 million at halfway, BS faces mounting losses like its rivals, possibly as high as £200 million for the full year. Last year's 1.5p final dividend is unlikely to be bettered.

GILT-EDGED

Bears beaten by long yield trends

The bears in the gilt market are having a tough time. A few months ago they had two arguments — stock supply and inflation. Now they really have only one. For inflation is falling back to the levels experienced in the fifties and sixties and possibly even lower.

Blinded by the devaluation, the bears had failed to take full notice of the transformation in the labour market and the extent of weak demand pressure on all price-setters. Having forecast higher inflation, they are reduced to making excuses for why the emerging reality of *lower* inflation is not going to last. Whether it is the PSBR, balance of payments, money supply growth or inflation, the lesson of the past 20 years is to forget the technical excuses and pay attention to the recently established trend. Low inflation is here to stay.

So the bears have to rely on the burgeoning PSBR. And this problem is serious. At £50 billion plus, gilt sales are set to take up substantially more than all the cash flow of British investing institutions, even before allowing for rights issues, property purchases and investment abroad. But the difficulty here is that if a £50 billion PSBR is set to raise yields, why has it not done so already?

The investing institutions have known that £50 billion or so is the prospect for some time. For the PSBR to cause rising yields from this point, it surely has to turn out higher than £50 billion. That may yet happen, but is by no means certain. But the point is, the surprises will determine the direction of yields. And, if anything, the probabilities attaching to possible favourable surprises are higher.

For the government is well aware of the funding difficulty. At the very least it is going to announce a plan in the Budget to close the fiscal gap in later years. Especially after President Clinton's example — it may even start to close the gap now by raising taxes. The economic fundamentals indicate that Britain needs tighter fiscal and easier monetary policies. One of the lessons of the past year is that whatever the politicians say, in the end the fundamentals win out.

The authorities are also set to reduce the funding problem by embracing a policy of under-funding, ie, financing themselves partly by selling debt to banks and building societies. Given that other countries, including America and Germany, do not have the full-funding rule, it is extraordinary that Britain has shackled itself with this restraint. Elsewhere, the authorities aim only to ensure the budget deficit is fully financed. It does not matter whether debt is sold to banks or non-banks. Now that concern has grown here about the volume of funding, the full-funding rule should be dropped. The signs are the authorities are set to do just that. What effect would underfunding have on the gilt market? It all depends on what the authorities do.

They could switch from issuing long stock to short stock but without cutting base rates, hoping banks will buy more short stock; they could do the same but cut base rates; or they could refrain from selling enough gilt-edged stock of any maturity to finance the PSBR, with the result that the banks are forced to hold billion pounds worth of extra Treasury bills. In all three cases, long yields should fall but the outcome for shorts differs. In the first case, short yields would rise under the weight of increased supply. In the second, there is a conflict of opposing forces, although if base rates were cut by 1 point, short yields would probably fall. In the third case, short yields would fall as banks sought to move out of low-yielding Treasury bills into higher yielding short gilts.

The moral is clear. The bull market in gilts continues and the long end should give the best return. Long yields should fall to 7¾ per cent by year-end.

ROGER BOOTLE
Greenwell Montagu Gilt-Edged

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
	SHORTS (under 5 years)				
1,100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102¼	-⅛	12.20	5.65
600	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛ †	...	5.99	5.61
1,065	Treas 13½% 1993	105¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	12.99	5.46
2,100	Treas 9¾% 1994	102¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.28	5.42
550	Treas 14¼% 1994	108¹³/₁₆	-⅛	13.34	5.42
1,100	Exch 13¾% 1994	108¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	12.61	5.50
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	9.49	5.52
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	106¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	11.40	5.59
1,000	Treas 9% 1994	105⅛	-⅛	8.54	5.60
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	111⅛	-⅛	10.80	5.74
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	-⅛	3.10	4.75
2,500	Exch 10¾% 1995	109¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.25	5.85
940	Treas 12½% 1995	116¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	10.92	5.97
770	Treas 14% 1996	120¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	11.64	6.21
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	125¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	12.17	6.34
800	Exch 13¾% 1996	119¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	11.06	6.35
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111½	-⅛	8.98	6.52
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	122¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	10.83	6.68
2,700	Exch 10¾% 1997	113¾	-⅛	9.26	6.83
5,550	Treas 8½% 1997	108¹⁵/₁₆ †	-⅛	8.09	6.66
830	Exch 15% 1997	131¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	11.38	6.87
3,550	Exch 9¼% 1998	112¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.69	6.82
	MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
2,100	Treas 7¼% 1998	102¹⁵/₁₆ †	-⅛	7.14	6.60
1,100	Treas 6¼% 1995-98	103¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	6.71	6.51
935	Treas 15¼% 1998	139¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	11.24	7.18
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.83	7.25
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	111¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.51	7.64
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	123¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.89	7.35
1,252	Treas 10¼% 1999	118¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.01	7.19
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	115¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.95	7.25
4,358	Conv 9% 2000	109¹⁵/₁₆ †	-⅛	8.19	7.20
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	129¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	10.00	7.62
4,616	Treas 10% 2001	114⅛	-⅛	8.70	7.62
970	Treas 14¾ 1998-01	129¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	10.84	7.23
5,777	Treas 9½% 2002	112¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.64	7.83
2,800	Treas 8pc 2003	51½	-¼	7.88	7.78

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,620	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	123¼ †	-⅛	9.49	7.92
497	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	4.80	6.97
3,012	Conv 9½% 2004	110¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.61	8.10
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	110¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.61	8.12
2,200	Treas 12¼% 2003-05	128¾	-⅛	9.66	8.27
2,000	Treas 9% 2002-06	99¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.08	8.05
3,150	Treas 11¼% 2003-07	123¾	-⅛	9.52	7.97
2,997	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅝	-⅛	8.32	8.21
1,250	Treas 13¾% 2004-08	137¹⁵/₁₆ †	-1	9.88	8.26
	LONGS (over 15 years)				
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	106¼	-⅛	8.48	8.28
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	97¹⁵/₁₆ †	-⅛	8.24	8.32
2,923	Conv 9% 2011	105¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.55	8.42
4,850	Treas 9% 2012	105⅞	-⅛	8.54	8.43
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74 †	-⅛	7.43	8.25
700	Treas 7½% 2012-15	94⅝	-⅛	8.21	8.29
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	132¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	9.07	8.62
5,000	Treas 8½% 2017	102¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.04	8.49
	UNDATED				
359	Consols 4%	66¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	6.57	...
1,909	War Ln 3½%	49¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.55	...
122	Conv 5%	61¼ †	-⅛	5.80	...
276	Consols 2½%	30¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	8.15	...
475	Treas 2½%	29¹⁵/₁₆ †	-⅛	8.56	...
	INDEX-LINKED				
900	Treas IL 2% 1996	132⅛	-⅛	1.41	0.71
1,350	Treas IL 2% 1998	196¼ †	-⅛	1.41	2.16
500	Treas IL 4½% 1998	109⅛	-⅛	2.02	2.60
7,750	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169¼ †	-⅛	2.64	2.99
500	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161¼	-1	2.81	3.11
600	Treas IL 4¼% 2004	110⅛	-⅛	2.92	3.20
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	167¼	+⅛	3.02	3.24
1,400	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+⅛	3.22	3.42
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+⅛	3.30	3.48
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2013	159¹⁵/₁₆	+⅛	3.35	3.52
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136¼	-⅛	3.43	3.60
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130⅞	-⅛	3.50	3.64
1,200	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107⅛	-⅛	3.53	3.66
...	Treas IL 2½% 2030	99¹⁵/₁₆	-⅛	3.54	3.67

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Kleinwort Benson Private Bank is pleased to announce that with effect from 1st March 1993 the Mortgage Management Account interest rate has reduced to 7.95% per annum. The mortgage base rate is now 7.99% per annum.
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Al-Fayed battles the elements

BLAME for falling property values is usually laid at the door of recession, but darker forces appear to have overwhelmed the 2,500-acre Surrey estate of Mohamed Al-Fayed. The Harrods proprietor is downwind of a former county refuse tip, whose methane burner fills the air with fumes, and its fallout renders some of his land ungrazable. As if that were not enough, Al-Fayed has now discovered that the balancing pond at the bottom of his estate, which collects the M25 overspill, is polluted with heavy oil deposits and other contaminants. In heavy rain it gushes out even further over his land. Worried for the health of his wife, five children and specially imported Egyptian ducks, he has consulted Dr Neil Ward, an environmental analyst from Surrey University, who tells him that a high concentration of the chemicals in the pond is known to cause behavioural problems in children, not to mention rare ducks. Already contesting a High Court writ from Widnell, a London quantity surveyor, which is seeking to recover £188,329 plus damages for allegedly unpaid work on the Surrey property and a luxury apartment in Park Lane, Al-Fayed is also battling to persuade the Surrey County Council to clean up the environmental mess.

Rescue mission

BUSINESS has been booming for Touche Ross's insolvency practice — so much so that it has earned itself a rather double-edged sobriquet as "one of the larger corporate undertakers". Naturally it is keen to emphasise that it is as much a "rescuer" as an "undertaker", having preserved 20,000 jobs last year through company restructurings and fire sales. The airline sector in particular has benefited from the work of Chris Morris's corporate special services division, which achieved new financing or ownership for British Air Ferries, Dan-Air and Excalibur, a new charter airline. Morris's liquidation of Laker Airways in 1982 ensured investors received 100p in the pound. But Touche recently managed a more modest rescue after the RSPCA advised it that a pigeon was trapped in the glazing of an empty suburban high street building belonging to a company in receivership under the firm. The agent in charge of the building was immediately alerted and soon afterwards Pigeon Airways took to the air once more — no doubt to continue his or her dirty tricks on unsuspecting pedestrians.



"But there's only you and me left, Dad"

HILL Samuel, the TSB's merchant banking arm widely thought to be on the auction block, seems not to have enjoyed the more negative press coverage it has received in recent months. Having dispensed with the public relations services of Sophie Hull, the firm thought it appropriate to send a letter to journalists letting them know who their new PR contacts are. The letter wound to a close with the following warning: "Please do hesitate to contact us."

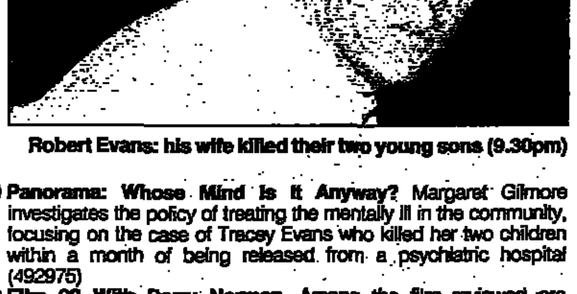
Wrongfooted

ROBERT Altman, the Washington lawyer alleged to have benefited from $40 million worth of bribes as part of his role advising the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, must post a $500,000 bail bond to ensure he will show up to answer bribery and fraud charges in New York on March 15. John Bradley, the state's supreme court judge, made the order because he suspected legal manoeuverings were afoot in Washington, designed to prevent Altman from appearing before him. The New York charges are more serious than those with which he is accused in Washington. Judge Bradley also refused to give Altman's lawyer an extra 60 days to prepare for the case, despite protests that he had 26,000 documents to review, many of them in Arabic. Altman denies all charges against him.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (38284)
7.00 Breakfast News. News and topical reports from home and abroad with extended bulletins on the hour and headlines every 15 minutes. Plus business updates, sport, weather and travel news (75580826)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (5660449) **9.45 Ross King.** Quiz game (s) (4956178)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (3279361) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7672081)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes medical matters, a romantic story, a topical phone-in and consumer affairs. With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (56246466)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests are the Hollies (s) (6964352) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29296791)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (72555)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (35897979) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35259449)
2.20 Dallas. In the battle over the Ewing land, Carter McKay gives the family an ultimatum (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2692555) **3.10 Family Affairs.** Gene therapy and genetic counselling are examined by Gloria Hunniford and Caron Keating (s) (7404401)
3.40 Cartoon (2705371) **3.45 Poddington Peas** (r) (2704642) **3.50 Radio Roo.** Episode nine of the 13-part comedy drama (s) (6395159) **4.05 Jackanory.** Chris Barne with the first of three-part story by Pam Ayres, *Jack Crater* (s) (8110246) **4.20 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (1110604) **4.30 Take Two.** *Includes a visit to the* pop music station Atlantic 252 and a report on the money to be made from computer games. (Ceefax) (s) (3360178)
4.55 Newsround (6445710) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Enduring magazine for young people. (Ceefax) (s) (6941401)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (622807). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (97)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (59). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7343)
7.30 Watchdog: *Car Design Special*. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate the upgrading of safety in cars since their last "How Safe is Your Car?" report in 1991. (Ceefax) (1)
8.00 2 Point 4 Children. Offbeat domestic comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9081). Wales: The Outside Half 8.50 St David's Week Preview
8.30 Bonjour La Classe. Nigel Planer stars as the well-meaning but hopeless French teacher in the comedy which got off to a splendid start and then sagged hopelessly. This week, after some of his pupils are apprehended for mugging an old lady, the headmaster decides on a regime of rigid discipline. (Ceefax) (s) (5888)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3642)

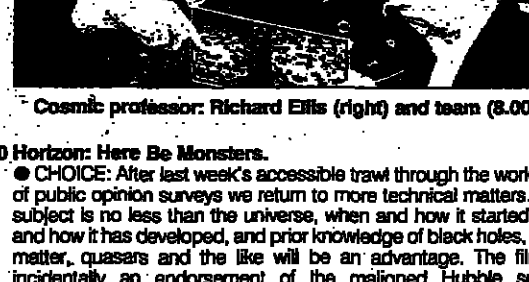


Robert Evans: his wife killed their two young sons (9.30pm)

9.30 Panorama: Whose Mind Is It Anyway? Margaret Gilmore investigates the policy of treating the mentally ill in the community, focusing on the case of Tracey Evans who killed her two children within a month of being released from a psychiatric hospital (492975)
10.10 Film 93 With Barry Norman. Among the film reviewed are *Malcolm X, Toys and Consenting Adults* (s) (158401). Northern Ireland: 29 Live; Wales: The Tenby Poisoner 11.00 2 Point 4 Children
10.40 Cagney and Lacey. Mary Beth is gunned down when she and Beth corner a pair of teenage robbery suspects (r). (Ceefax) (904420). Northern Ireland: 10.45 Film 93 11.15 Cagney and Lacey
11.30 Who Cares Now? Dr Jonathan Miller considers how carers can cope with feelings of guilt, resentment, anger and despair (r). (Ceefax) (24420). Wales: Bonjour la Classe
12.00 Weather (1898840). Northern Ireland: (to 12.30) Who Cares Now?; Wales: Film 93 12.30 Who Cares Now? 1.05 News and weather

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Physiology — Managing Fertility (4794130) **7.10** Physical Chemistry: Yields and Rates (3202468) **7.35** Information Technology — A Revolution? (7301371)
8.00 Breakfast News (3866604) **8.15 Westminster** (3889555)
8.30 Under Sail. Sailors using replica boats and period costume relive the times when mail was delivered in open boats between the Baltic *ports of Grissleham and Storby (r)* (4214371)
8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week 40 years ago (7547826)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 Storytime,** with Marti Caine (s) (4947420) **1.20 Mr Benn** (57778888) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (23192541)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) (s) (23706401) **2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes** (r) (289772). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers; Wales (to 3.00): Wales in Westminster Live
2.45 In the Garden. Dennis Cornish makes preparations for a riot of *colour in the summer (r)* (2769284)
3.00 News and weather (3251888) followed by **Village Praise.** Pam Rhodes visits Hillsborough, near Belfast (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6995994)
3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). As 8.50am (2794265) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2790449)
4.00 Film: Molly (1983) starring Claudia Karvan and Garry McDonald. Australian children's drama about a little girl and her father searching for a singing dog, kidnapped by a villain who sees it as his ticket to fame and fortune. Directed by Ned Lander (9329888)
5.20 Holiday Outings. Bruges (r) (1926178) **5.30 Gardeners' World.** Includes Nicholas Wray admiring snowdrops (r) (36)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic ghoulish humour from the United States. (Ceefax) (223888)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** American comedy series (s) (334468) **6.50 Cyberzone.** Virtual reality game show. This week two members of the Arsenal women's football team challenge Olympic fencers Fiona McIntosh and Kirk Zavieh (s) (580710)
7.20 Animation Now. Three claymations from Hungary featuring the accident-prone Augusta (346623)
7.30 A Secret World of Sex: Acts of Violence. Before the second world war women who attempted suicide to save themselves from their husband's brutality were sent to prison. A number of these women tell their story (r). (Ceefax) (3)

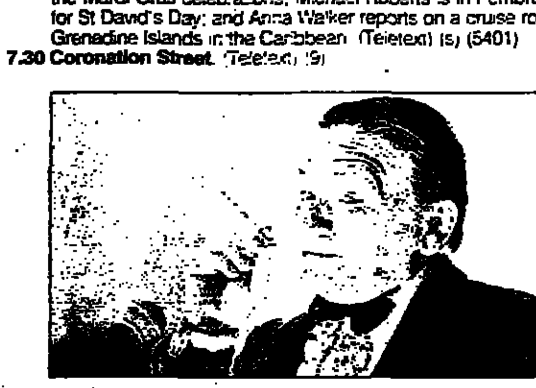


Cosmic professor: Richard Ellis (right) and team (8.00pm)

8.00 Horizon: Here Be Monsters.
● CHOICE: After last week's accessible trawl through the workings of public opinion surveys we return to more technical matters. The subject is no less than the universe, when and how it started and and how it has developed, and prior knowledge of black holes, dark matter, quasars and the like will be an advantage. The film is incidentally an endorsement of the maligned Hubble space telescope, which despite its well-publicised mirror defect is apparently sending back valuable information. The focus is entirely on the United States, though this may be a recognition of where the important work is being done. The scientifically challenged may find difficulty sharing the experts' excitement as they pore over blobs and smudges but we are assured that big cosmic discoveries are just round the corner. (Ceefax) (s) (135081)
8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. The letter "L" stands for Loved Ones and Lucinda Lambton visits a council flat in east London to see a shrine to a pink poodle (517604)
9.00 Film: A Matter of Convenience (1987) starring Jean-Pierre Cassel and Deborra-Lee Furness. An Australian tale of a man who runs a bric-a-brac shop as a front for his profitable business of marriage brokering for immigrants. Directed by Ben Lewin. (Ceefax) (2913)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (522975)
11.15 *The Late Show Special*. *John Updike in conversation with Ian* McEwan (s) (682081)
11.55 Weather (305710)
12.00 Doctors' Diagnoses. Computer models used for diagnosis (2713685). Ends at **12.25am**
2.00 Nightschool TV. English: four programmes from the *Language File* series (81753). Ends at **4.00**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Includes Spike Lee talking about his new film *Malcolm X* (8272710)
9.25 Jeopardy! Back-to-front quiz game with Steve Jones providing the answers and the contestants trying to find the questions (3116975) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7658401)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (1284826)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series. Today's edition includes slimming news, family finance and agony aunt Denise Robertson. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (97764046)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (6466333)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4598265) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57793197)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (292246) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (291517)
2.15 Snooker. *The Wickes British Open* (7217555)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3262994) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3261265) **3.20 Blockbusters** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (9406536)
3.50 The Real Ghostbusters (r) (3448062) **4.15 Runaway Bay.** Episode three of the 13-part drama set on the island of Martinique (Teletext) (s) (836739) **4.45 Go Wild!** Environmental items. With Chris Packham and Craig Charles (3343401)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6975468)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (456913)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (82371)
7.00 Wish You Were Here ...? Judith Chalmers visits New Orleans for the Mardi Gras celebrations, Michael Roberts is in Pembrokeshire for St David's Day; and Anna Walker reports on a cruise round the Grenadine Islands in the Caribbean (Teletext) (s) (5401)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (9)



Northern comic: Michael Williams as Billy Balsam (8.00pm)

8.00 September Song.
● CHOICE: The latest in a long line of Radio 4 productions to be appropriated by television, Ken Blakeston's comedy-drama charts the adventures of two middle-aged lost souls in Blackpool. Ted is a schoolmaster who has just lost his wife. Billy is a barman and stand-up comedian who has lost practically everything. The series stars Russ Abbot and Michael Williams, but not in the parts you would expect. Williams, the actor, plays Billy and Abbot, the comedian, has the straight role. It seems to work. Umpteen comics, from Jimmy Jewel to Max Wall, have turned themselves into accomplished actors and while Abbot's character may not greatly stretch him he slips easily into it. Williams, meanwhile, makes a more than adequate north-country comic. It promises to be a likable series, with an underlying strain of melancholy. (Teletext) (s) (3130)
9.00 Film: Lethal Weapon (1987) starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. Loud and violent police movie with undercover cop Gibson, a borderline psychopath, successfully teamed with family man Glover in an investigation into a nasty drugs ring run by Vietnam veterans. Directed by Richard Donner. Concludes after the news. (Teletext) (3994)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (31159) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (397371)
10.40 Film: Lethal Weapon continued (2922333)
11.45 Snooker. Fifth round action in the Wickes British Open, from the Assembly Rooms, Derby (662352)
12.30 The Beat. Music and movie magazine presented by Gary Crowley (s) (75043)
1.30 Sport AM. Highlights from the Yorkshire ice hockey cup final and *European football* (93482)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (73192)
3.30 Videofashion. Spring collections by American designers (92208)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness news (r) (73173)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film reviews (r) (68192)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French drama serial (39192)
5.30 ITN Morning News (51753). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (6609371)
6.45 Dennis Cartoon adventures of a naughty boy (9790517)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (62178)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (41536)
9.30 Schools (937265)
12.00 Right to Reply. *Includes viewer reaction to Free For All's anti-angling programme* (r) (Teletext) (s) (21772)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (84420) **1.30 Lift Off** Children's entertainment (71265)
2.00 Film: The Halfway House (1944, b/w) starring Mervyn Johns and his daughter Glynis Johns. Supernatural thriller set in an inn where the guests feel uneasy and then realise that all the newspapers are a year old. Directed by Basil Dearden (393997)
3.45 Joe McDoakes: So You Want to Be in Pictures (b/w) (2788604)
3.55 Gardens Without Borders Alan Mason visits the Jardin de Plantes in Nantes *(r) (Teletext) (s)* (1036081)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game, hosted by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (52)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Topical news and music show from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne (5642)
6.00 Children's Ward. Drama series set in a busy general hospital (r) (17)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy (r) *(Teletext)* (7)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (332517)
7.50 Comment on the criminal justice system by Charles Pollard the chief constable of Thames Valley Police (487604)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (Teletext) (s) (2791)
8.30 Teenage Health Freak Comedy drama starring Alex Langdon as a 17-year-old with an overwhelming desire to lose his virginity (1826)



Black protest: Darrick Harris (right) as Malcolm X (9.00pm)

9.00 Seven Songs For Malcolm X.
● CHOICE: The arrival in Britain of Spike Lee's cinema biopic is the cue for this documentary portrait of Malcolm X by John Akomfrah of the Black Audio Video Collective The director of *Handsworth Songs*, a disenchanted view of race relations in the Midlands, Akomfrah is a film-maker who tries to avoid the conventional *Seven Songs for Malcolm X* may be based on the staples of archive clips and interviews but Akomfrah uses his material tellingly, while adding dramatic reconstruction and Brechtian-style captions. The story is told from a black point of view and is constructively sympathetic to a contentious figure. But the film lacks context It makes no attempt to assess the extent of Malcolm X's following or to set his advocacy of black separatism and retaliatory violence against the more emollient approach of Martin Luther King (1536)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat comedy about a New York doctor *practising in a remote part of Alaska* (s) (4623)
11.00 South: Lost Tracks. Films from Lebanon, Venezuela and the Chinese desert on the hopes and frustrations of three disparate societies (75642)
12.00 Devil's Advocate. A studio debate on the virtues and legacy of the black activist Malcolm X (1580734)
12.45am Brown Sugar. The series on black women singers this week focuses on Ella Fitzgerald (r) (808192) Ends at **1.45**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9406536) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6975468) **6.00** Home and Away (243642) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (217449) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** The Beat (6520192) **4.10** Omar (19499376) **4.30** Riviera (68192) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (9406536) **6.00** Lookaround (75) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (5) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** The Beat (6520192) **4.10** Omar (19499376) **4.30** Riviera (68192) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (292246) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (291517) **3.20-3.50** GP (9406536) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (6975468) **6.00** Home and Away (243642) **6.25-7.00** Central News (217449) **12.30** Crime Story (75043) **1.30** McCloud (3682376) **2.50** 60 Minutes (8593869) **3.50** Jobfinder (5489840) **4.55** Karn Bhoomi (79812314) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2307173)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (292246) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (291517) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9406536) **5.10-5.40** Bratpack (6975468) **6.00** Home and Away (75) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (5) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** The Beat (6520192) **4.10** Omar (19499376) **4.30** Riviera (68192) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

HTV WEST
As London except: *1.45-2.15* Blockbusters (291517) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (9406536) **6.00** HTV News (75) **6.30-7.00** What's On (5) **9.00-10.00** Island Son (9994) **10.40** Police 25 (855604) **11.10-11.45** Get Wet (764159) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** The Beat (6520192) **4.10** Omar (19499376) **4.30** Riviera (68192) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six ***6.30-7.00*** *Primetime* ***10.40-11.45*** *Magic* Webb

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9406536) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (75) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (5) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (39192)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Short Story Theatre (20942028) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9406536) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (75) **6.30-7.00** Crimestoppers Special (5) **12.30** Film: How To Be An Honest Cop (214531) **2.20** Entertainment UK (5634918) **3.20** Transworld Sport (4993163) **4.20** ITV Chart Show (6481579) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (291517) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (82371) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** Night Beat (6520192) **4.10** Omar (19499376) **4.30** Riviera (68192) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (291517) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9406536) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (82371) **12.30** The Equalizer (5531666) **1.25** Sport AM (8975208) **2.25** Donahue (2000550) **3.15** The Beat (6520192) **4.10** *Omar (19499376)* ***4.30*** *Riviera (68192)* **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (39192)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Short Story Theatre (20942028) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9406536) **5.55** Calendar (137604) **6.30-7.00** The Big Green Boat Show (5) **12.30** Film: How To Be An Honest Cop (214531) **2.20** Entertainment UK (5634918) **3.20** Transworld Sport (4993153) **4.20** ITV Chart Show (6481579) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (62178) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (41536) **9.30** Schools (937265) **12.00** Right to Reply (21772) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (72994) **1.00** Lift Off (65265) **1.30** Blossom (71265) **2.00** Film: No Sad Songs For Me (9551488) **3.25** Timesigns (9403449) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders (4927888) **4.25** Slot 23 (3917975) **5.00** Countdown (3807) **5.30** Brookside (84) **6.00** News (689420) **6.10** Heno (596333) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (999739) **7.25** Sgorio (272325) **8.25** News (392197) **8.45** Dathlu Gwyl Dewi (469626) **9.35** Cheers (379264) **10.35** Northern Exposure (646994) **11.30** Seven Songs For Malcolm X (12401) **12.30** Dream On (13005) **1.00** Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.00 Aerscoil (85588130) **2.15** Aertel (21317623) **2.30** Children's Programmes **6.30** Home and Away (90364284) **7.00** *News (41264994)* ***7.08*** *Cursa (74442081)* **7.30** Coronation Street (90360468) **8.00** News (59662333) **8.05** Blackboard Jungle (59707197) **8.30** Eerie Indiana (29206420) **9.00** Cheers (51620130) **9.30** News (13264739) **9.35** Italian Football (60335178) **10.30** News (32423081) **10.50-11.50** Larry Gogan's Golden Hour (40490178)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36023536) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (6573642) **9.10** Karate Kat (2990159) **9.30** Pyramid Game (75820) **10.00** Strike It Rich (77536) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (70062) **11.00** Hart to Hart (34284) **12.00** Falcon Crest (24371) **1.00pm** E Street (94997) **1.30** Another World (4718739) **2.15** Santa Barbara (821772) **2.45** Maude (853371) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (850284) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5132265) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7642) **6.30** E Street (6888) **7.00** Rescue (8371) **7.30** Family Ties (5772) **8.00** Lonesome Dove (54536) **10.00** Seinfield (95371) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (88401) **11.30** Studs (66420)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am News (63587) **6.30** News and Business Report (591772) **9.30** Roving Report (55082) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (52420) **11.30** International Business Report (72062) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (63536) **1.30** Good Morning America (64265) **2.30** Parliament Live (9421604) **3.15** Parliament Live (2119468) **4.30** News and Business Report (5913) **5.00** Live at Five (38389) **6.30** News and Business Report (99178) **7.30** Sky News Special Report (6642) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (192130) **10.30** Sky News Special Report (19371) **11.30** ABC World News Tonight (89642) **12.30am** Getaway (99647) **1.30** ABC News (35482) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (72802) **3.30** *ABC News (84647)* **4.30** Sky News Special Report (53376) **5.30** ABC News (69735)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2314642)
10.00 Lies Before Kisses (1991): A rich wife suspects her publisher husband of murder (16352)
12.00 Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County (1970): Western comedy (82468)
2.00 Hour of the Gun (1967) James Garner stars as a Western lawman (57623)
4.00 Star Spangled Girl (1971) Neil Simon comedy about a woman who falls for two radical journalists (9246)
6.00 Lies Before Kisses (1991) (as 10am) (3116975)
7.40 UK Top Ten (151642)
8.00 Mermaids (1990): Cher stars as an eccentric single mother (49604)
10.00 In Broad Daylight (1991): A thug terrorises an elderly couple (870420)
11.35 Split Decisions (1988): Gene Hackman plays a boxer (910607)

1.10am Hammer (1969) Action adventure set in Jamaica (182869)
2.45 Kid (1990). A man returns to the town where his parents were killed (608314)
4.15 Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976): Farce about a crazy ambulance service (949463) Ends at **5.55am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Casino Royale (1967) James Bond spoof with Peter Sellers (25142361)
8.15 The Ritz (1976): Comedy about a man escaping from his father-in-law (41440998)
10.00 Pretty Baby (1977): Louis Malle film *set in a brothel. With Brooke Shields* (61130)

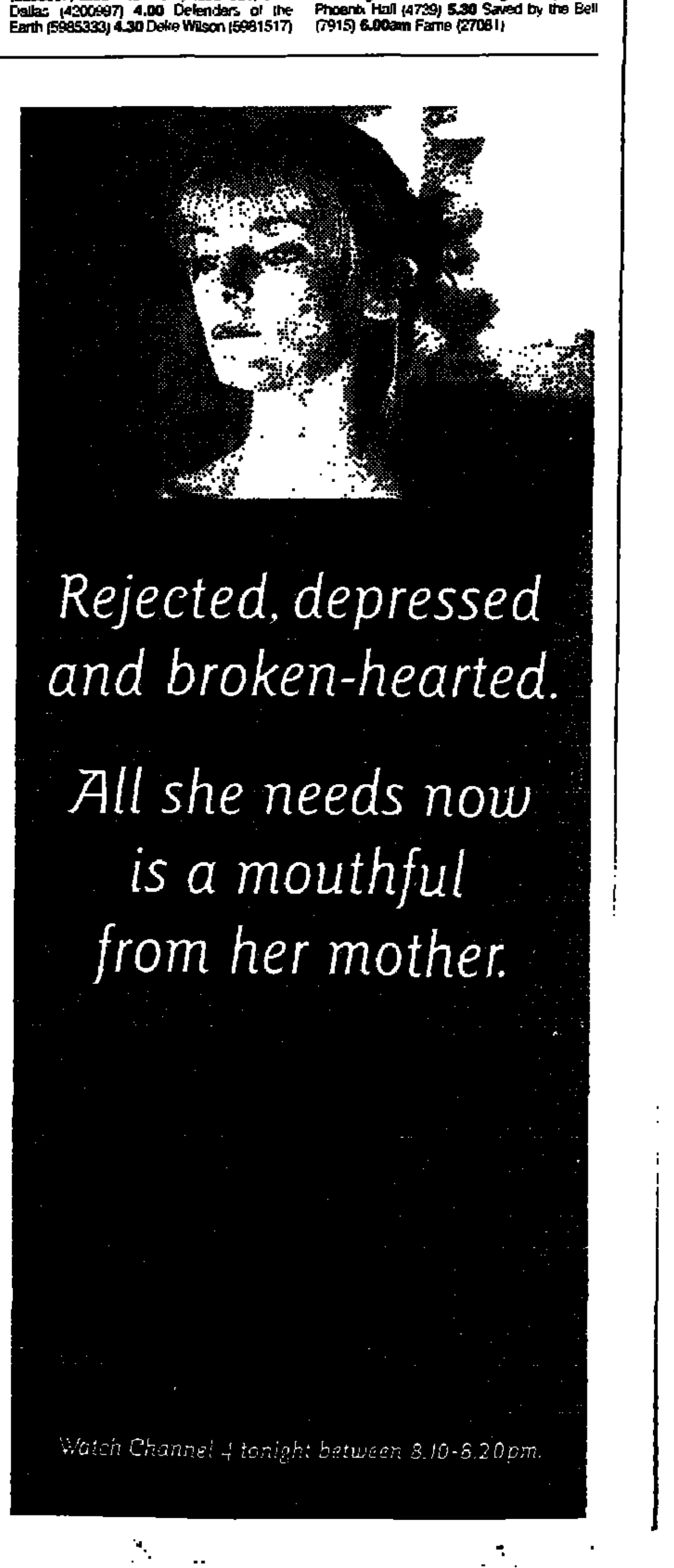
The MOVIE CHANNEL
6.10am The Adventures of Marco Polo (1938): Gary Cooper plays the globe-trotting explorer (62081371)
7.55 1001 Arabian Nights Animated adventure (4281536)
9.15 Dot Goes to Hollywood Australian animation (2414884)
10.35 Lions for Breakfast (1976) Two brothers hit the road (3881389)
12.05pm Apache (1954) Burt Lancaster plays an Indian leader (257178)
1.40 Da (1989) Martin Sheen as a son mourning his dead father (55809623)
3.25 Dot Goes to Hollywood (as 9.15am) (7726159)
4.40 Around the World in 80 Days Animation (9001642)
5.30 Xposure (1333)
6.00 Absolute Strangers (1991) Henry Winkler in an emotional drama (35401)
8.00 Chance of a Lifetime (1990) A terminally ill widow falls in love (47246)
10.00 Dead Reckoning (1990) Thriller set on a storm-tossed yacht (519807)
11.40 Wings of Fame (1990) Dutch drama about fame Stars Peter O'Toole (235474)
1.30am Une Femme ou Deux (1985) Gérard Depardieu in a comedy about a paleontologist and an ad-woman (421395)
3.05 Inspector Clouseau (1968): Alan Arkin plays the detective (929208)
4.45 The Longest Night (1972) Kidnap drama (4664902) Ends at **6.00am**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am International Cricket (5063913) **11.30** Jack High (35230) **12.30** Big League (66620) **2.30** Premier League Football (68371) **4.30** International Cricket (12375) **6.30** Goal (5517) **7.00** Football (903468) **10.00** Soccer News (850517) **10.03** International Cricket (54062) **12.00** ATP Super Series Tennis (60460) **2.00** Football (65753)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (54197) **8.00** Eurofun (50807) **8.30** Euroscores (59178) **9.00** Bobsleigh (13401) **10.00** Nordic Skiing (43081) **11.00** Alpine Skiing (30517) **12.00** Tennis WTA Tour (83623) **1.00pm** Hand Ball (92371) **2.00** Tennis ATP Tour (7875517) **6.00** Eurofun (9333) **6.30** News (3913) **7.00** Tennis ATP Tour (55826) **9.00** Football (90352) **10.00** Boxing (89569) **11.00** Snooker (44710) **12.00** News (10444)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52512791) **6.15** Button Moon (52517246) **6.30** The Raccoons (8321352) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (2758449) **7.30** Neighbours (2760284) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1377994) **8.30** EastEnders (1376265) **9.00** The Bill (1367517) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (6379449) **10.30** The Chinese Detective (3780517) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (2305361) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1370081) **12.30** Neighbours (6589607) **1.00** EastEnders (2740420) **1.30** The Bill (6588178) **2.00** George and Mildred (2208807) **2.30** After Henry (5994081) **3.00** Dallas (4200997) **4.00** Defenders of the Earth (5985333) **4.30** Deke Wilson (5981517) **5.00** Candid Camera (2299159) **5.30** Give us a Clue (5905197) **6.00** Neighbours (5995710) **6.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (1279159) **7.30** George and Mildred (5982246) **8.00** EastEnders (2211371) **8.30** After Henry (2207178) **9.00** The Chinese Detective (2078739) **10.00** The Bill (1371710) **10.30** Frankie Howerd: Then Churchill Said to Me (1357130) **11.00** Dick Emery (4305541) **11.30** Film, The Law West of Tombstone (1939) (6133343) **12.45-2.00am** Video Bites (55757802)

The CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (73807) **6.30** Cartoon Capers (9155246) **7.15** Widget (568246) **8.45** Jack in the Box (345642) **10.45** Stories Without Words (291642) **11.15** Cartoon Capers (9232197) **12.00** Boy Dominic (26046) **12.30pm** CDO (19062) **1.00** Jack in the Box (88265) **3.00** Widget (95333) **4.00** Spit and Hercules (7771) **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (9913) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (4739) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7915) **6.00am** Fame (27081)



RADIO 3

6.55am Open University: Shakespeare's History Plays **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Including Mussorgsky (Prelude, Khovanshchina: Leningrad PO, Yevgeny Mravinsky); Haydn (Symphony No 31 in D, Hornsignal: Orchestra of St *Luke's, Charles Mackerras*); Vivaldi (Concerto in B minor for four violins, RV580: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood), Grieg (Incidental music, Peer Gynt, excerpts: Oslo PO under Esa-Pekka Salonen)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Hindemith in the 1920s. Presented by Andrew Lyle. Includes Berceuse (1921), Meine Nächte sind heiser zerschrien, Op 9 No 1 (1917) and Suite: Das Nusch-Nuschi (1920)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Keiko Abe (Dream of the Cherry Blossoms: Evelyn Glennie, marimba); Martinu (String Quartet No 7, Concerto da camera: Stamitz Quartet); Holst (A Moorside Suite: Sun Life Band, Roy Newsome); Reger (Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue, Op 96. Peter Noke and Helen Krizos, pianos); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Berlin Philharmonic under Herbert von Karajan, Mstislav Rostropovich, cello); Dudley Buck (Concert Variations on The Star-Spangled Banner: Christopher Herrick, organ)
12.00 Vintage Years: John Amis offers a musical portrait of Lotte Lehmann
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: live from St John's, Smith Square. Couperin (*Pièces de clavecin* — Ordre No 22 in D); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 894); Scarlatti (*Three Sonatas in D*, Kk 490-492). With Malcolm Proud, harpsichord
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Philharmonic: Jiri Belohlavek *conducts* Mozart (Overture: Così fan tutte, Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor, K 466); Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D). With José Feghali, piano
4.25 Bach: Wolfgang Rübsam plays a Metzler organ in Frauenfeld, Switzerland
5.00 In Tune: Rodney Slatford presents music, news, weather and arts from Manchester
7.30 BBC Scottish SO: Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor) and Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)
8.45 20s Season: Aldous Huxley
● CHOICE: *Cynthia* is the first of five short stories written in the 1920s by Aldous Huxley. Edward Petherbridge is reading them on Radio 3 this week. The others are *The Bookshop, Eupompus Gave Splendour to Art by Numbers, Fard* and *Portrait.* Listening to them, one wonders why J.B. Priestley, in his comprehensive *Literature and Western Man,* was so dismissive about Huxley (he gets only five lines) and why he thought Huxley was concerned with ideas, not people.
9.05 Nash Ensemble: Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Kodaly (Duo for violin and cello); Zsolt Durko (Three English Verses: Jean Rigby, mezzo); Shostakovich (Piano Trio No 2, Op 67)
10.45 Mixing It: Robert Sandall and Mark Russell talk to the creators of Unknown Public, a venture dedicated to presenting music in a new way
11.30 The Cares of Lovers: Emma Kirkby and Evelyn Tubb, sopranos, and Anthony Rooley, lute, perform songs by Henry Lawes (This Mossy Bank), William Lawes ('Tis not boy), John Blow (When artists hit on lucky thoughts; Clarona, lay aside your lute; Ah Heaven! What is't I hear?) and Purcell (Two daughters of this aged stream; Dear pretty youth; Oh, solitude!; Love, though art best; The cares of lovers; What a sad fate is mine; No, no, no, resistance is but vain; Ye gentle spirits of the air; Sweeter than Roses, Oh, the sweet delights of love!)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: History Resources: Medieval Realms. The Norman Conquest — A Woman's Lot

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today with John Humphreys and Chris Lowe, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **6.45** Business News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** What Other *Listeners Think* ***8.58*** *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg, Cynthia Rose and guests Harry Enfield, film-maker John Akomfrah and Julie Burchill
10.00-10.30 Globetrotters (FM only): Arthur Smith presents the quiz with a travel theme
10.00 Daily Service (LW only): Worship for St David's Day from Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach, Mid Glamorgan
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only): The eighth of 12 readings by Anna Massey from the reflections of the 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray asks Dr Vicki Hufnagel whether hysterectomy can be avoided with the use of laser surgery. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. With Vincent Duggleby
12.00 You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint: Music quiz with Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Thorne Investigates: Unto the Grave. John Castle and Tessa Worsely in the first of three thrillers by John Penn featuring Detective Superintendent Thorne and Detective Sergeant Abbot
3.30 On the Ropes. 3: Gilbert O'Sullivan. The singer-songwriter's records sold millions but he faced a legal battle for his share of the profits
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen talks to the pianist Paul Crossley about his work as director of the London Sinfonietta and his recording and performance of Debussy. Gavin Ewart talks about his latest poems
4.45 Short Story: A Letter to Andrei, by Benjamin Dean. Read by Martin Jarvis
5.00 PM with Wendy Austin and Frank Partridge **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute! Nicholas Parsons challenges Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Jim Sweeney and Peter Jones (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Scab
● CHOICE: William Ingram sets his fine play in a South Wales mining valley in which the shadow of the 1984 coal strike is criss-crossed by the shadows cast by subsequent pit closures. The cast are all Welsh. So is Ingrams. So is the director, Enyd Williams. Anything else would have been unthinkable. You simply cannot stimulate Welsh emotions and speech patterns with Anglo-Welsh materials. Peter Penry Jones plays the journalist who returns to the valley, his cradle, looking for a mining story. The one he finds is not one he can write.
9.00 The Beaten Track: Four talks by Ian Ousby. Part 3. Holy Days and Holidays
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight *with Roger White* ***9.59*** *Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Queen of the Tambourine, by Jane Gardam. The sixth of ten episodes read by Dorothy Tutin
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Whose Line Is It Anyway? John Sessions and Stephen Fry are joined by Jimmy Mulville and Nonny Williams. Clive Anderson is in the chair (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Lynn Parsons Mega Hits **6.30** News 93 **7.00** Claire Sturgess's Evening Session **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00** The Knowledge **12.30-4.00am** Nicky Horne

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Chris Stuart **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band *Special* ***9.00*** *Humphrey Lyttelton* ***10.00*** *The Best of Syd Lawrence* ***10.30*** *The Jamesons* **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 7.00am** Morning Edition Update **7.45** Cricket **11.15** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Money Talk **1.05** For Schools. Topic Resources 5-7, **1.20** English 9-11; **1.40** Poetry Corner; **1.50** Let's Move, **2.10** Active Science **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Scrap Iron **7.15** Glubbsyme **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** Black Museum **10.10** The Mix **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** Waveguide **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The Week Ahead **6.25** Book Choice **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Gods, Guides And Gurus **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** The Brain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** It's Your World Phone-Ins **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **12.00** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook five **2.30** Off The Shelf: Yakshi **2.45** A Taste Of Soul **3.00** World News **3.15** What's News? **3.30** After Independence **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** World News and Business Report **5.14** Travel News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** *Programmes in German* ***8.00*** *World News* ***8.10*** *The World Today* ***8.25*** *Words of Faith* ***8.30*** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World and British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Sports From A Precious Stone **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** World News **1.09** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **3.00** World News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** World News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Ginastera (Concerto for Harp and Orchestra, Op 25: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox); Janáček (Sinfonia: Bamberg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi) **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Music of Britain and Ireland: The English Song **8.00** Classic FM Evening Concert **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Andre Leon

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G7 to revive economic co-operation

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

An agreement to revive co-ordination of the main industrial countries' economic policies is likely to be well received, even though it lacked substance

FINANCE ministers of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations agreed at their weekend meeting in London to revive economic co-operation in order to help the world economy out of recession and tackle unemployment.

Germany was urged to cut interest rates further and Japan to stimulate growth by fiscal measure, but no concrete initiatives were taken in advance of the next meeting in Washington in April, and any substantive co-ordinated plan may have to wait for the annual economic summit, to be held in Tokyo in July.

Lloyd Bentsen, the new American Treasury secretary, emphasised that a revival of economic co-operation would also include finding speedy agreement on the deadlocked world trade talks.

The conference, though more important in mood than substance, is likely to be well received in financial markets, where lack of co-ordination and trade rivalries have wreaked havoc on the foreign exchanges in the past six months. The ministers avoided any direct suggestion that the yen should rise further and backed Italy's contention that the lira, which reached new lows last week, was now undervalued.

Giles Keating, chief economist at Credit Suisse First Boston, said the indication that the spirit of co-operation, which had not always been evident in G7, was back on the agenda could only be in everyone's interest. He said that although the meeting and statements "do not set the world on fire", the tone of the summit and the implications for currency and equity markets were encouraging.

The most concrete hope to come out of the meeting was for lower German interest rates, although Theo Waigel, German finance minister, and Helmut Schlesinger, Bundesbank president, said that they had not come under any overt pressure from the other delegations on this issue. Both signalled that there is now more scope for a near-term cut in the German interest rate.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said a cut in German interest rates would be of "considerable benefit" to the whole of Europe. Mr Lamont said the ministers recognised "a serious situation developing in Europe".

Professor Schlesinger argued that measures recently announced, loosening the reserve requirements of German commercial banks, would have the effect of allowing short-term money market rates to ease. He said this market's process would be endorsed by "fortifying measures", suggesting another cut in official German rates.

The financial markets have been speculating strongly that a further half point cut in the discount rates could be decided as early as this Thursday's council meeting, although the Bundesbank may decide to wait until March 18.

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Despite recent statements from Mr Bentsen that he wanted the yen to appreciate, Japanese officials made it clear that they would not be pushed into concrete commitments at this stage. There was gentle pressure on Yoshiro Hayashi, Japan's new finance minister, to stimulate demand in Japan and he was asked to explain why Japan's package of fiscal stimulus was taking so long to get through the parliamentary process.

G7 officials said there was little direct talk about exchange rates. Mr Hayashi said the ministers favoured currency stability. Piero Barucci, Italy's finance minister, said he wanted the lira to rejoin the ERM as soon as rates were stable.

Michel Sapin, finance minister of France, said it was necessary to restore the previous role of the G7, when it had been able to co-ordinate economic policy. He said two important initiatives would help growth, namely the European Community's package to stimulate public sector investment launched at December's Edinburgh summit and the American package to cut the budget deficit.

Mr Lamont reiterated the message of recent statements that he did not have in mind any further cuts in British interest rates and that 6 per cent was consistent with sustainable recovery.

In a remark that suggested he may be moving towards a Budget that includes a fiscal tightening, Mr Lamont said countries "have to bear regard to the overall long term fiscal position".

It is an open question whether his remarks will win a breathing space for sterling. David Kern, chief economist of National Westminster Bank, said: "Britain needs export-led growth in order to tackle its twin deficits and the only way to achieve this is to have lower interest rates, a low exchange rate and a tough stance on the fiscal side." He said he would not be surprised to see the yen appreciate further but that the most important message which could potentially emerge from a revived G7 process would be a political signal on the necessity of finding an agreement at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Mr Lamont said on Saturday there were "no easy solutions, no quick fixes" to the problems of slow economic growth. But he along with his colleagues hailed the meeting as the start of a new era of co-operation that had been conducted in good spirit. G7 delegates admitted that 1992 had not been a good year. The Group said they are placing less emphasis on formal communiqués, deciding not to issue one this weekend, leaving more time for discussion.



Making it all add up: Norman Lamont, centre, shares a joke with Yoshiro Hayashi (left) and Lloyd Bentsen, in London at the weekend

Manufacturing activity grows

By our economics correspondent

BRITISH manufacturing activity appears to have increased during February, for the first time in eight months, with output and new orders up for the fourth consecutive month, according to the latest monthly survey of UK purchasing managers.

The key purchasing managers' index, which measures key areas, such as new orders, output and employment, rose to 51.2 per cent in February from 49.3 in January. Any reading above 50 per cent signals that the manufacturing industry is generally expanding.

Purchasing managers said that the rise in the index in the month of February was due largely to stronger sales and a build-up of orders, resulting in increased production.

Several of those surveyed reported an increase in the number of orders from overseas, which was attributed to the impact of the devaluation of the pound.

Another aspect of the devaluation was also recorded, with significant month-to-month increases in the purchasing managers' prices index which registered a jump to 68.4 per cent from 66.7 per cent seen in December.

Some of those surveyed reported higher prices for imported goods and supplies for the first time in the month of January, illustrating the time devaluation has taken to feed through to the domestic economy.

The employment index continued to suggest further reductions in the workforce, although the pace of job shedding appeared to be slowing.

The February index — which, at 46.1 per cent, was below 50 per cent and therefore suggested continuing contraction — rose from January's 43.6 per cent, pointing to the fact that some firms with an increased order-book level were apparently beginning to take on more staff.

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Siberian gas supply to Europe threatened

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

THE Russian and Ukrainian prime ministers are due to start talks today to resolve a bitter dispute between the former Soviet states over payment for energy supplies that could lead to the natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe being switched off, halting supplies to Germany, France and Italy.

The Russians provide 19 billion cubic metres of gas a year to western Germany, about 26 per cent of the country's needs, under a pipeline-for-gas deal concluded in the early eighties in the face of stiff opposition from America, which alleged that it put Western Europe's energy supply at risk. France, which is fed via the German pipeline network, takes a further 13 billion cubic metres of Siberian gas, Italy 17 billion.

A spokesman for Ruhrgas, which distributes the gas in Germany, said: "This is not a pretty business. This is no peanut contract. The Russians' reputation for security of supply is at stake".

But Yevgeny Sukhin, Ukraine's deputy energy minister, made clear over the weekend that unless his country received Russian gas supplies, the flow to western Europe would halt. "No gas in Ukraine, no gas in Europe," he said. Leonid Kuchma, the Ukrainian prime minister, is due to go to Moscow today to try to reach a deal with Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Russian counterpart.

Gazprom, the Russian gas group, is seeking back payments of 140 billion roubles for gas supplied to Ukraine. It has threatened to stop deliveries unless it is paid promptly. It had threatened to cut off supplies to Ukraine yesterday.

Ukraine, across whose territory all Siberian gas for western Europe flows, has demanded that Moscow should start to pay world market prices for the gas transit fees.

Merger vetting reforms urged

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

THE role of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission should be severely curtailed to save time and make competition policy operate more professionally, a survey of companies entangled in the system suggests.

Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm that sponsored the survey, argues that the director-general of Fair Trading, who intially vets mergers, should play a bigger role in investigating both mergers and monopolies. That would leave the monopolies commission to act more as an appeal body. It would investigate the OFT's conclusions if they called for a merger to be blocked or for action against a monopoly. The government favours such a system for restrictive practices cases.

Companies involved in MMC inquiries argued that the OFT was too quick to recommend investigations by the commission. The commission's brief to judge the public interest then led to lengthy analysis of fringe issues and a lack of focus on key competition areas. David Rees, a partner in Ernst & Young, said: "The great strength of the current system is the MMC's independence and impartiality. But MMC enquiries are too wide-ranging and this means that they last too long and impose too great a burden on companies."

An OFT merger enquiry usually lasts up to six weeks, but an MMC enquiry three months. MMC enquiries into monopolies can take a year or more. E&Y recommends that the OFT should undertake more in-depth investigations if its initial vetting revealed *prima facie* threats to competition. Only if the OFT concluded that a merger should be blocked or action taken against monopolies would the MMC be brought in.

MMC enquiries would then be restricted to issues identified by the OFT, would make full use of the OFT's work instead of starting again and would call in the director-general to help.

Reading between the lines of annual reports



Tweedie: shifting onus

By George Sivell, City Editor

THE City is keenly awaiting publication this week of recommendations to analysts, investors and the media on how to interpret company results announcements and annual reports made under the new reporting standard FRS3, which forces much greater disclosure of abnormal items on to directors.

The problem for the users of company accounts has been how to derive a meaningful and comparable figure from the plethora of facts a board of directors will have to disclose once FRS3 becomes enforceable. It will become compulsory for all companies with year-ends after June 22.

David Tweedie, chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, has made clear his intention to shift the onus of interpretation on to the user of the accounts rather than relying on companies to produce a simple earnings figure which, under the old rules, was capable of distortion.

The problem for providers of company statistics is to derive a comparable and meaningful figure that can be used in the calculations of price-earnings ratios and dividend cover, two of the most widely used figures by which investors and analysts judge company shares.

Another problem the Stock Exchange and the new Institute of Investment Management and Research (IIMR) will have to face is how companies present their preliminary results announcements. At present, the tough FRS3 standard applies only to company annual reports, not to the preliminary announcements.

It was a recurring feature of financial collapses of the past few years that tighter accounting procedures would have flagged up problems long before companies failed. In some cases, the problem was there for investors to spot but was obscured in the back pages of annual reports.

The IIMR exposure draft on company earnings will be published on Wednesday. Comments have to be back by the end of April. The IIMR hopes its proposals will be adopted in time for the compulsory FRS3 reports.

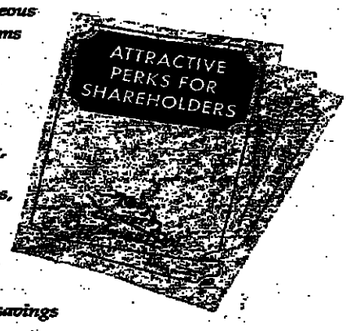
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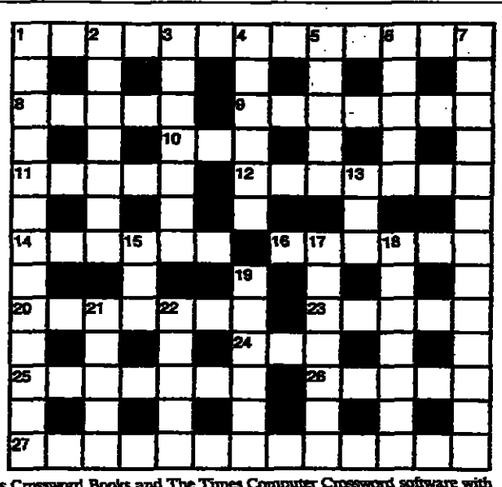
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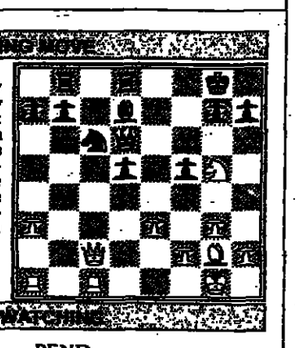
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WINNING MOVE

Current world champion Gary Kasparov's style of play is highly reminiscent of the brilliant Alexander Alekhine, whom Kasparov has always claimed as his intellectual mentor. This position is a variation from the game Alekhine — Golombek, Margate 1938. What was Alekhine's intended plan for finishing off in this position? *(Raymond Keene)*



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SPONDYLOTHESIS
a. Mushroom parthenogenesis
b. Back-ache
c. A display of cutlery

MESSAGES
a. The shopping
b. Medieval times
c. Grounds of a mansion house

PEND
a. An entrance
b. A conveyancing delay
c. An unwitnessed handwritten will

ROUPING-WIFE
a. A harridan
b. A furniture dealer
c. A knotswoman

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